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Letter from the Editor

In this issue, we feature a new column called Avian Studies in Illinois. Mike Ward of the Illinois Natural History Survey has agreed to write periodic summaries of the unique bird research being done in our state; there's lots going on out there that we birders don't know about, and Mike is helping bring you that information. For instanee, did you know that Mike has banded more than 100 Yellow-headed Blackbirds in northern Illinois this summer for a study he's doing on the type of wetlands this state-endangered bird prefers for nesting? Look for more about this research in a future issue.

In the meantime, we'd like to hear from others of you who are researching birds in Illinois. Send me a short synopsis of your research and what you hope to gain from it, as Elizabeth delaBaume did with her Botanie Garden waterfowl monitoring project, also included in this issue. My address is: 967 Braeburn Road, Mundelein, IL 60060. My email is sdevore@ais.net.

When data are compiled from these studies, we'll let you know how to learn more about the results and what they mean for birds and birders in Illinois. With this Avian Studies eolumn, *Meadowlark* ean serve as a venue for seientists who want to share what they are doing, but aren't ready to publish the detailed results. In turn, we birders can help provide them information from sites we regularly visit.

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President's Message

This issue of *Meadowlark* includes the Fourth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, formed in 1985. When the Illinois Ornithological Society was incorporated in 1991, the bylaws were written to include IORC as an official but independent committee of the Society.

IORC's duties include evaluating evidence of rare or unusual birds found in Illinois; determining if the evidence is sufficient to accept the record; maintaining a permanent record of all such reports; and publishing a report based on its decisions. The committee also maintains the official Illinois State Checklist of Birds.

The Committee's Secretary, David B. Johnson, leads six members: Steve Bailey, H. David Bohlen, Robert Chapel, Paul Clyne, Myrna Deaton, and Vernon Kleen, plus three alternates, Richard Biss, Joe Milosevich, and Eric Walters. These individuals are not only hard working but also active birders and members of the Society.

Because of the inability to retrieve past records until recently, the report in this issue is longer than what you'll see in the future. The information spans several years. Most of this backlog has been addressed and the Committee will produce shorter annual reports.

The Committee has prepared a new official State Checklist and is designing an updated Field Checklist Card. The Society hopes to publish these within a year.

Having observed the Committee in action for the past few years, I can vouch for their dedication and hard work. Their deliberation is a thankless task that is important not only to state birders and ornithology students, but also to the professional ornithological community nationwide.

On behalf of the Society I would like to thank the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee members for their hard work. Take time to review this report and to thank the Committee members yourself.

Good Birding Bob Montgomery

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Are Breeding Herons and Egrets Deserting the Central Illinois River Floodplain?

By Richard Bjorklund

Colonies of breeding herons and egrets are ordinarily located in the floodplain of the Illinois River in central Illinois. Colonies are often sited on the natural levee between the river and its backwater lakes. The size of breeding populations in these colonies tends to be inversely related to the water level prevailing in the last half of the previous year's nesting cycle. Low water during nestling development and fledging usually results in more nesting herons and egrets the following spring, whereas high water during the critical development period results in fewer adults nesting the following spring. The latter situation has been especially true following the severe and protracted flooding of recent years (Bjorklund & Holm 1997).

Bjorklund & Holm suggested that protracted highwater is contributing significantly to the declining stability and loss of integrity in the part of the river system in which herons and egrets are major participants. This note provides new information from the 1997 breeding season that indicates the deterioration of colony sites and perhaps foraging areas, and the depressed breeding populations associated with extended high water is continuing.

I began monitoring colonies at Big Meadow Slough in northern Peoria County, at Worley Lake in Tazewell County, and at Clear Lake in Mason County in 1962. Larry Rice has monitored the colony at Big Meadow Slough since becoming the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Site Superintendent for the Marshall State Fish & Wildlife Area in 1974. Annual censuses of trees with active nests, permanently marked for accuracy, have been a principal part of the monitoring process. In 1994, I assisted U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service personnel in a ground census of the colony near Meredosia Lake in Cass County, which otherwise has been aerially inventoried by Vernon Kleen of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources The colonies at Meredosia and at Big Meadow Slough have, with rare exception, consisted entirely of Great Blue Herons, *Ardea herodias*. The colonies at Clear and Worley Lakes have typically been mixed-species colonies of Great Blue Herons (GBHE), Great Egrets, *Ardea alba* (GREG, threatened in Illinois), and Black-crowned Night-Herons, *Nycticorax nycticorax* (BCNH, endangered in Illinois). Table 1 displays the number of active nests of herons and egrets for the four colonies combined during recent years, a period of protracted high-water events.

The trend illustrated in Table 1 is alarming. The Meredosia colony site was abandoned after 1995 and Big Meadow Slough abandoned after 1996 depressing the total number of nesting GBHE. Of course, GBHE might establish new colonies within the system or move to nearby established colonies not ground censused. In 1997 Aaron Yetter of the Illinois Natural History Survey Forbes Station did find a newly-established colony of 20 GBHE nests in drowned timber in the Sanganois Conservation Area, and Vernon Kleen discovered a new colony of 30 nests along the Illinois River below Henry. Only two other colonies are known on the Illinois River below the bend near DePue. They were established before recent high water, and have been aerially inventoried regularly by Kleen. The colony at DePue remained at about 600 GBHE nests from 1993 to 1997, while the colony at Matanzas

Table 1. Number of Active Heron and Egret Nests in Four Central Illinois Colonies from 1993 - 1997

YEAR	GBHE	GREG	BCNH
1993	**1,889**	**338**	**116**
1994	1,775	392	96
1995	1,534	371	66
1996	926	258	16
1997	686	97	0

Key to Table: GBHE = Great Blue Heron, GREG = Great Egret, BCHN = Black-crowned Night-Heron

was also stable until 1997, when GBHE nests increased from 500 to 700. Despite these recent increases, total GBHE nests along the Illinois River are 27 percent below 1993.

Further, Kleen found that the colonies at DePue and Matanzas each included 50 active GREG nests in 1993, but none by 1997. Table 1 shows that the numbers of GREG and BCNH in the mixed-species colonies at Worley and Clear Lakes also declined sharply. It is apparent that breeding populations of all three species, especially those of GREG and BCNH, have declined markedly during the recent period of high water.

For the first time since monitoring began in 1962, no BCNH were found nesting in this reach of the river. In fact, BCNH were not detected during the 10 May 1997 Spring Bird Counts in Mason, Fulton, Peoria, or Woodford Counties, nor were they seen a week later during a Birdathon in the Peoria area (Miller 1997). During the 1997 breeding season, BCNH were rarely seen in their usual foraging areas, and then usually only as singles. Prior to the recent high-water cycle BCNH were common in summer at the foraging sites, even when commercial logging disrupted nesting at Worley Lake (Bjorklund 1986). Drowned timber is increasingly abundant at the colony sites, especially at Worley Lake, where nearly 50 percent of the trees with nests were dead by 1996 (Bjorklund & Holm 1997). The Double-crested Cormorant, Phalacrocorax auritus (DCCO, threatened in Illinois) began nesting there in 1995 in standing dead trees. In 1996 there were 41 active DCCO nests at the Worley Lake site (Bjorklund & Holm 1997). However, continued flooding, mechanical injury by ice, and wind throw of dead snags used by DCCO in 1996 eliminated most of them, and no DCCO nested at Worley Lake in 1997.

Great White Egret nests in the Central Illinois River Floodplain have declined dramatically in the past five years. Photo by Ken Oberlander.

Based on nesting data through 1996, B Bjorklund & Holm (1997) indicated that:

1. BCNH appeared to be most disadvantaged by unseasonal high-water levels; but all wading birds could be stressed by unfavorable energetics in the later stages of the nesting cycle if required to forage at greater distances than those for which they are historically adapted.

2. Colony sites along the middle Illinois River are ecologically destabilized and not likely to recover if present trends continue.

3. Avian species facing environmental challenge have three fundamental choices: die, adapt, or emigrate. At this time, emigration from the four sites studied appears to be the option exercised most often by the threatened GREG and the endangered BCNH, while the long-legged GBHE is apparently better adapted to prolonged high-water events.

In presenting a paper during the Upper Mississippi River NonGame Symposium at LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in 1993, I urged development of a reliable multistate system for monitoring the status of heron colonies as possible indicators of system health. We should know more about how these long-lived species are responding to environmental change and whether they are profiting from their experiences. Nevertheless, a regional mechanism for monitoring has not been implemented. Meanwhile, a depressed breeding population trend for herons and egrets has developed in central Illinois.

Finally, it is clear that any attempt to solve some of the many problems of the Illinois River System by permanently raising the water level of the river, suggested several times in the past, will only exacerbate an already stressful situation for herons and egrets.

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AVIAN STUDIES IN ILLINOIS

In this issue, we begin a new column, which will provide you with accounts of some of the avian research being done in Illinois. Mike Ward of the Illinois Natural History Survey tells you about Prothonotary Warbler research being done by Jeff Hoover, while Elizabeth dela Baume discusses her waterfowl monitoring project at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Monitoring Site Fidelity of Prothonotary Warblers

by Mike Ward

"Is that the same bird that was here last year?" John James Audubon was probably the first North American to try to answer that question when he banded an Eastern Phoebe with a piece of twine to see if it returned. Since Audubon's attempts to record site fidelity (the tendency for a bird to return to the same area in subsequent years), many scientists have conducted studies to measure the phenomenon, as well as to discover why a bird would choose to return, or not to return, to the same site.

Many working hypotheses to explain breeding site fidelity exist because most birds are site-faithful to some degree, and their fidelity varies according to different situations including age and migratory status. Some of the hypotheses include the following:

Why might a bird return?

- The bird knows where on the breeding site to build nests and to forage for food for young.
- The bird produced offspring there in the past.
- The area no longer supports social constraints that may have interfered with breeding in the past.
- Other colonial nesting species have returned, for example, in a rookery where several heron species nest together.

Why would a bird not return?

- Genetics: If all birds return to their natal and breeding areas the bird's chances of breeding with a close relative becomes greater.
- A more dominant individual overtakes the bird's area.
- The habitat has been destroyed or altered.
- Predation threat is high.
- The bird has never raised any offspring there.
- The bird does not remember where the breeding site is located.
- The bird encounters too many conspecifics (competition).

Some of these hypotheses deserve more merit than others, but none prove why all birds are site faithful, and most studies have produced no conclusive evidence.

Implication of Site Fidelity in Conservation

Conservationists and restorationists typically give little thought to avian site fidelity when designing or initiating their activities. Site fidelity issues are important, however, if a bird returns every year to a place where the nest is predated or where the bird never produced any offspring. A conservation or restoration attempt may lead to the formation of an ecological trap, a place that looks suitable for nesting, but is really a poor area for reproduction. The bird may experience a high rate of nest predation and/or cowbird brood parasitism that results in reproductive failure.

Research on Site Fidelity in Southern Illinois

Jeff Hoover, a University of Illinois doctoral student, is researching site fidelity at the Cache River Wetland Restoration Project in southern Illinois. The major component of his study is breeding site fidelity of the Prothonotary Warbler (*Protonotaria citrea*), a cavity-nesting neotropical migrant that nests in large flood plains and swamps throughout Illinois, mostly in the south.

Hoover has erected 1,400 nest boxes (made from milk cartons) for these birds in the Cache River floodplain. He has also uniquely color-marked 800 birds, which enables him to examine why these birds that winter in Central America return to the same nest box year after year.

This project was initiated to restore the riparian area along this

river, a designated Illinois Resource Rich Area.

Hoover is approaching the conclusion of his research. Most of the data have not been fully analyzed, but it appears that birds that successfully raised a brood are more likely to return to the same area the next year.

Breeding success of Prothonotary Warblers has been found to correspond to the water level below their nest. Water levels above a certain height restrict raccoons from predating the nests. This factor has significant implications for restoration of the Cache River floodplain. By restoring the natural hydrology and thus yearly floods, Prothonotary Warblers should experience more reproductive success and be more likely to return and raise young.

If successful breeding is crucial for a bird to return, then restoration and conservation efforts should recognize site fidelity as part of the activities.

The importance of knowing why birds come back to an area is key in restoring a functioning system. This knowledge from Hoover's study is also pertinent for birds in other locations such as grasslands, forests, and wetlands. By knowing why birds nest in certain locations and why they do or do not return, scientists can better understand the biology of the system. In turn, they can provide critical information for restoration and conservation activities.

Other restoration and conservation efforts may well be rewarded in learning a species' site fidelity habitats, and those factors affecting its fidelity.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Jeff Hoover for providing me with details of his study. His research is supported by grants from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, The Nature Conservancy, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Decatur Audubon Society.

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Monitoring Waterfowl at the Chicago Botanic Garden

Elizabeth dela Baume monitors waterfowl at Chicago Botanic Garden in Cook County, and finds Red-breasted Mergansers are fairly common there during fall migration. Photo of Red-breasted Merganser taken in November 1997 at Northwestern University lagoon in Evanston, Cook Co. by Eric Walters. The university lagoon is approximately five miles south of the Garden.

by Elizabeth dela Baume

The Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois (Cook County) launched a two-year aquatic initiative in the summer of 1997 to explore ways to improve the water quality in the lagoons, stem bank erosion, curb shoreline damage, and create a better habitat, with a long range goal of creating a world class aquatic garden.

This aquatic initiative will continue officially through June 1999 when recommendations will be due. The next phase will be to implement the recommendations.

As part of this initiative, I am monitoring the waterfowl and shorebirds here. Twice weekly I travel around the lagoons to twelve specific observation sites. At each site I record

the identity and numbers of the waterfowl and shorebirds as well as the weather conditions and time. I begin the route at the same time each day, 7:30 a.m. in the spring and summer, 9:00 a.m. in late fall and winter, and follow a set pattern to collect the data, which is recorded on data sheets and fed into a computer program to facilitate the tracking and computing of the numbers of waterfowl and shorebirds in the lagoons.

This monitoring procedure tracks the migrating patterns of the waterfowl as they enter and leave the garden, tracks the numbers of those that remain year-round, and records the numbers of different species that use the gardens. I also can identify the active and inactive sites for waterfowl in the lagoons. Waterfowl use some areas more than others, and activity levels and locations change with the seasons.

During the warmer months I travel in a golf cart, a quiet, unobtrusive way to gain a full view of the situation. In the winter, I use my car, which makes monitoring more cumbersome since I have to get in and out of the car wearing heavy clothing, carrying binoculars and writing materials.

The Botanic Garden attracts many varieties of waterfowl and shorebirds. The most numerous are the Canada Geese, which could be negatively impacting the water's nutrient content. Sometimes I count 2,000 geese in one day. Other days, the Canada Geese number approximately 40. The Botanic Garden staff has been working to find ways to deter the geese.

Many duck species are attracted to the Botanic Garden although not in large numbers. The largest group is the Mallards. Pied-billed Grebes, American Coots, and Bufflehead arrived in fairly small numbers in the fall of 1997. The flock numbers grew to between 50 and 70 birds before they continued migrating. Some 22 Northern Shovelers remained at the garden for nearly three months. I observed them in their feeding circles until the lagoons froze.

Fewer in numbers but still observed were Common Goldeneyes, Blue-Winged Teals, Ruddy Ducks, Lesser Scaups, Gadwalls, American Widgeons, Redheads, Ring-necked Ducks, and Wood Ducks. Red-breasted Mergansers were common visitors, and one Hooded Merganser appeared in the winter of 1997/1998 for a short time.

Other birds observed were Double-crested Cormorants, Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, and Great Egrets. I also regularly saw Belted Kingfishers and Osprey, both dependent on the water for food. One Ross's Goose stayed approximately four days in November 1997.

Besides counting ducks, I enjoy observing bird behavior. I watched a Great Blue Heron with a large-mouthed bass that was one third its size. I thought it would be unable to consume such a large fish, but after approximately 20 minutes of dunking, releasing, and catching it again, the heron positioned the bass so it easily slid down its throat.

I also watched a Red-tail Hawk dive at a Great Blue Heron that was fishing. The Great Blue simply lifted his large wing and waved off the hawk, paying no attention to his repeated dives.

The waterfowl monitoring will continue on at the Garden even after the two-year initiative is ended. The monitoring will continue to provide information on the nutrient load in the lagoons, information on species identification, and numbers relating to habitat preferences. With this information the Garden staff can plan habitat enhancements that benefit bird life.

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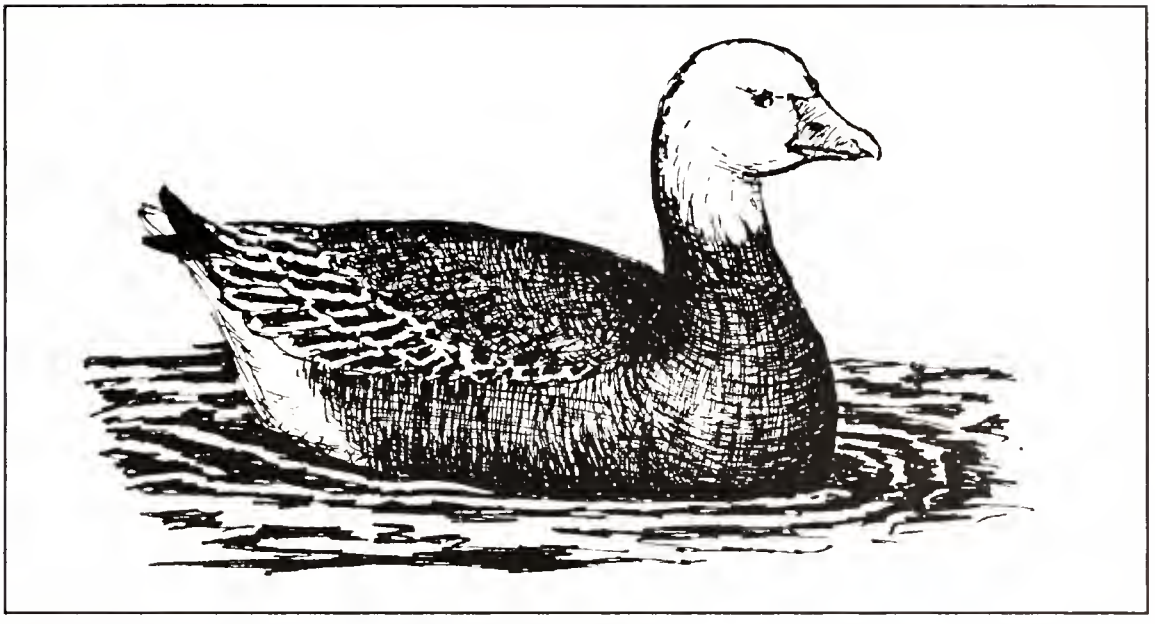
Editor's Note:

We hope those of you collecting data and doing research on birds in Illinois will share your information with the Illinois Ornithological Society. Please contact me for information on how to contribute to this new column: Sheryl De Vore, 967 Braeburn Road, Mundelein, IL 60060 sdevore@ais.net

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS - Fall Migration 1997



Blue-phase Ross' s Goose. Drawing by Peter Kasper.

Blue Morph Ross's Goose at Fermilab

It was a cold and dreary morning on 23 November 1997 at Fermilab in DuPage County. Wind chills dipped into the teens. No one in our birding party was much interested in making a forced march over open ground. So we confined our birding activities to driving around to scan the many open bodies of water that were still attracting migrating waterfowl.

Ann Haverstock, Peter Kasper, and I were making these rounds in Peter's minivan, which has the middle bench removed. This provides ample space for setting up a scope and viewing out the opened-side door.

On Ring Lake we discovered a white goose among the many Canadas. The fall of 1997 was a particularly good one for Ross's Geese (*Chen rossi*), so we were not surprised to find that our goose was indeed a Ross's. Several had been seen at Fermilab since early October with several individuals observed at different times.

Peter set up the scope so Ann could have a better look. After noting the overall small size, head shape, and small bill size, Ann continued to scan the flock and came upon a white-headed goose. We collectively assumed that we were dealing with a blue morph Snow Goose. Peter looked through the scope to watch the goose swim away. At one point having seen the bill and noting the dark back, Peter offered that the bird was an immature.

As he said this, I found the bird with my binoculars. I noticed that the bird seemed to be very small and mentioned this. Peter was already realizing that his initial thoughts on this bird were not fitting the picture. He had initially thought of immature Snow Goose because of the dark bill and a dark smudge on the back of the head. Overall the bird appeared darker than an adult blue morph Snow.

It took only seconds longer for us to realize that we were dealing with a very special blue morph goose. I took a better look through the scope. This bird was as small as the Ross's that we had just identified and was more closely matched in size to the cackling race of Canada Geese rather than the larger local race, both of which were present. The bird was darker in plumage than any blue morph Snows that I had seen. The head shape and neck length were consistent with the several other Ross's that had been seen in fall. The dark area on the back of the head was darker than on any of the previously seen immature white morph Ross's. The bill was very compact as would be expected on a Ross's, and dark overall as we had seen on other immatures of the species.

Since it is difficult enough in most years to even locate Ross's Geese in migration, we were particularly pleased to have been given the opportunity to observe an extremely rare blue morph Ross's Goose. A survey of "Illinois Birds & Birding" Vols. 1-7 and "Meadowlark" Vols. 1-6 showed no other records of blue Ross's Goose for the state.

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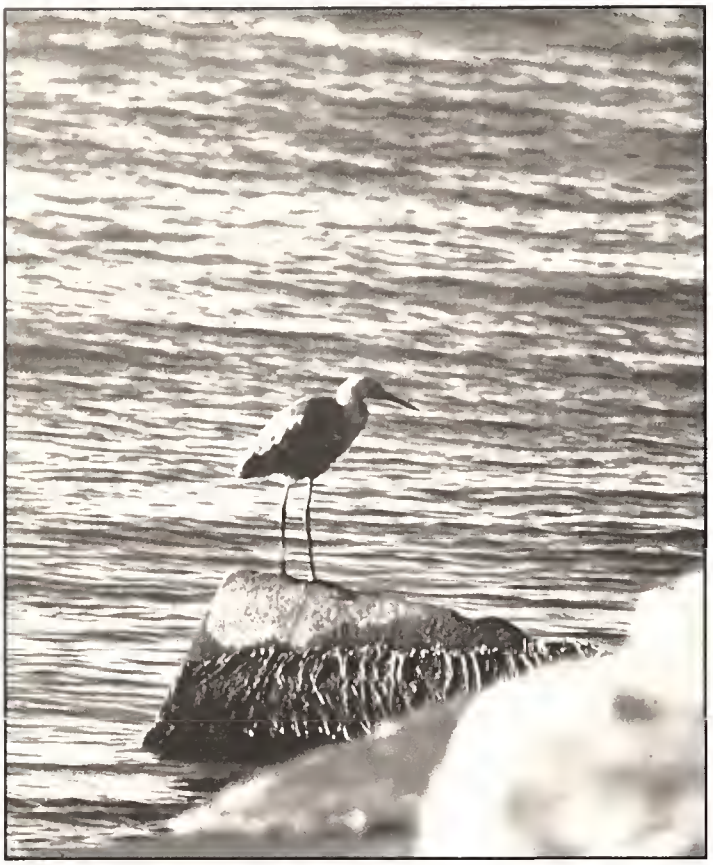

Dark morph juvenile Reddish Egret, Montrose Harbor, Cook Co. 6 September 1997. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Reddish Egret at Montrose

On 6 September 1997, I found an immature Reddish Egret near Montrose Harbor along the Chicago lakefront. The bird flew in off of Lake Michigan from the north and landed briefly on one of the large stone blacks that form the revetement retaining wall. Although the bird was present for only a few minutes before continuing south, it remained long enough for me to photograph it. The outstanding feature was the uniformly gray plumage. I noted no areas of strong contrast while the bird was in flight or standing. The bill was long, straight, and completely dark. The rather spindly legs were almost completely dark.

The Montrose Harbor area has a reputation for producing vagrants. The total number of species recorded there is about 300. However, no heron and egret habitat exists there, so Reddish Egret was one of the last birds I expected to see there.

This sighting represents the second verified record for Illinois, the first being a widely seen individual from Lake Calumet in August and September of 1993 (Meadowlark).

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Purple Sandpiper at Rock Cut State Park

Before 1:30 p.m., 22 November 1997 had not been a good birding day. Jack Armstrong and I spent the morning in fruitless search for Barrow's Goldeneye in Mequon, WI. On our way home, we decided to take a look at Pierce Lake, in Rock Cut State Park, northeast of Rockford, Winnebago Co. As we entered the parking lot next to the dam, we saw Lee Johnson standing near the lake and looking through his telescope. Lee recognized us as we approached, and immediately began to flap his arms and point excitedly out into the lake, particularly toward a small pile of rocks that barely protruded above the lake's surface, less than 100 m out from the dam. As we rolled down our windows, we heard the words: "Purple Sandpiper." We were out of the car like bullets.

The next few seconds were a blur as we divided our attention between Lee's description of how he had just found the bird and setting up our telescopes to get a look at the bird, which was barely visible to the naked eye as a silhouette above several of the rocks. Despite gray overcast, we obtained excellent looks through out scopes at 30-40x. We saw a basic plumage sandpiper, predominately gray, about the size of a Dunlin, but "chubby," and short-tailed. Head, back, and wings were slate gray. Upper breast was dark gray with dark streaking that extended along the flanks. Primaries, secondaries, tertials, and coverts were dark gray with slight pale edges. There was no contrast between wings, covers, and back. Lower breast and belly were dull white. The bird had a long bill drooping at the tip, darkly colored, with a pale, dull orange base. Legs were yellow-orange. Eye was dark, with a small pale spot behind it. We agreed with Lee's identification that the bird was a Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*).

The bird spend all of its time walking around on several rocks, pecking at algae, apparently trying to find something to eat. We observed it for over an hour, during which time at least four other birders were able to get to the park and see the bird, including my wife Barbara. She and I left the bird around 2:45 p.m. Ron Flemal saw the bird later in the afternoon, but other birders were unable to locate the bird just before sunset. It was not found the next morning.

This is the first record of this species for Winnebago Co., and we believe that this is the first record of Purple Sandpiper in Illinois away from Lake Michigan. Bohlen (1989) noted no records away from Lake Michigan, and my subsequent search of fall reports since 1989 revealed no report in either "Meadowlark" or in "American Birds" away from Lake Michigan. I found no records of Rock Sandpiper (*Calidris ptilocnemis*) in the Great Lakes region. Hayman et al. (1986) report that basic plumage Purple and Rock Sandpipers are essentially indistinguishable from each other. These species are separable only upon comparative amounts of white on inner primaries and secondaries, comparative sharpness of spotting on lower breast and flanks, and presence of brown tones on neck and upper breast in Rock juveniles. Closer study will undoubtedly be done to try to provide more information on separating these two species in the field.

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Black Rails in Vermilion County

On 11 September 1997, I was mowing hay 2 miles north of Fairmont, Vermilion Co., when a small blackish rail flushed in front of the operating mower. It flew only a short distance before dropping into a 15 foot wide strip of unmowed hay. I marked the location and, on foot, tried to force the bird to leave the field so that it would not be killed. After I resumed mowing, it did flush and leave the unmowed area. In order to drive it further out of harm's way, I got off the tractor, and was able to make it leave the field.

On 14 September, while mowing hay a mile further north, I flushed a Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*). Again, an attempt to drive it from the field was unsueeessful. I continued to mow, and flushed 2 Black Rails from the field, one going north and the other south.

The next day, a repeat of the above occurred in an adjoining hay field, except that this time, one bird was flushed many times in front of the mower, and once, one walked into the open at the edge of the standing hay at about a 20 foot distant, and actually stood still long enough for me to stop the tractor, turn off mower, and focus binoculars. I observed the short black beak, black and white belly cross barring, black back with some tiny light specks, very short black tail, and good view of its size and behavior. Both rails left the fields flying into the heavy cover surrounding 2 farm ponds.

On 16 September, while harvesting hay mowed the day before as haylage, a Black Rail flushed from under a mowed swath of hay at a distanee of only a few feet and flew to the cover around a pond. This was probably one of the birds seen 15 September.

Blaek Rails have been flushed from these fields during late May in past years while mowing hay. I believe it is almost impossible to flush either Black or Yellow (*Coturnicops noveboracensis*) rails on foot, and that crushing one underfoot is possible, and likely, if pursued vigorously. I have caught rails by hand when they were observed to run under a mowed swath, and as a result, I knew exactly where they were and was able to hold down the hay and extraet the bird gently, and then carry them beyond mower's way. I have usually finished mowing hay by 1 September. Mid-September may have been the peak of Black Rail migration. Several Soras (*Porzana carolina*) were also flushed during this hay mowing. I found 2 Yellow Rails under similar circumstanees on 9 September 1996 (Smith, Meadowlark 5: 66-67, 1996) and another on 20 May 1997 in the same field first mentioned.

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Fourth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

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Drawing of Mississippi Kite by Brian K. Willis.

Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee ("IORC," or "the Committee") are reported here for a total of 266 records, including 218 accepted records of 109 species and three hybrids or forms, and 45 unaccepted records of 32 species.[1] With this report, the Committee has published reviews of 1014 records, of which 799 are accepted, for an acceptance rate of 78.8%.

Here are the results for 65 out of 67 of the 1995 record evaluations, and 97 out of 100 of the 1996 evaluations.[2] Of the 162 records evaluated for these two years, 122 (75.3%) are accepted. In addition, this report covers 25 historical records prior to 1985, plus nearly all first state records since the third IORC report (i.e., since February 1989; see Goetz 1990), through 1997. Also contained are many, but by no means all, record evaluations for the period 1989-1994. An attempt has been made to include all review species from this period for which there is hard evidence in the form of a specimen or as a photograph published in *American Birds*, *Audubon Field Notes*, *Illinois Birds and Birding*, or *Meadowlark*. Any errors of omission are the fault of the authors. It is unfortunate that evaluations for many sight records for the period 1989-1994 were not accessible to the Committee until this report was in its final draft. Publication of IORC's decisions on such records will thus have to await a future Committee report.

Considerable effort has been made by the Committee since 1993 to evaluate and make published decisions regarding many older records of species that are to be formally accepted in the Checklist of Illinois State Birds (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee, MS, in preparation).

A total of 168 known observers contributed specimens, descriptions or photographs documenting the records included in this report; a few specimens were taken by collectors not acknowledged here by name.

Format: The format of this report follows the conventions used in the first three reports of the Committee (Goetz and Robinson 1988; Goetz 1989; Goetz 1990). Records are divided into two major groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. Each of these groups is then further divided into Review List Records and Other Records. The sequence of species conforms to that of the American Ornithologists' Union 1983 checklist and its supplements as published in *The Auk*, through the fortieth (July 1995) supplement, while the taxonomy and nomenclature are current through the forty-first (July 1997) supplement. The forty-first supplement is vague on some important matters of sequencing, and we have therefore postponed the substantial reorganizations outlined in that supplement, pending publication of the seventh AOU checklist.

Each accepted record is entered with the locality (including the standard abbreviation for the county (see below), the date, and (in parentheses) the IORC record number (the first four characters of which give the year of the first observation), followed by the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Photographic evidence is noted following a contributor's name by an asterisk (*); when the photographic evidence is known to be a videotape, a "v" is appended (*v); "*p,v" indicates the submission of both photographic and video evidence. Many contributing photographers also submitted written descriptions, a practice the Committee encourages. If the observer(s) who first discovered the bird submitted documentation, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentation are not generally listed. For specimen records, a sharp (#)

precedes an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalogue number of the specimen.

Statements regarding the age and/or sex of the birds may be opinions of the person(s) submitting the evidence and are not necessarily an accepted position of the Committee.

We have referenced published photographs and brief accounts (such as seasonal highlights published in *Meadowlark*) by journal number and page. Articles are cited by author and date and are indexed in the list of references. Seasonal highlights dealing with first state records are treated as articles.

Similar information is provided for Unaccepted Records, except the documentors remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. Although most of the unaccepted records may involve correct identifications, the documentations submitted do not supply sufficient information to confirm the identification.

In several cases discrepancies exist between the details presented here vs. other published sources, especially regarding dates of occurrence. The data in this report provide the Committee's best assessment of all available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here, but we have made explicit note of apparent errors in published data. The authors of this report accept responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

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Abbreviations: References to seasonal reports, seasonal highlights, and photographs published in the journals *American Birds*; *Audubon Field Notes*, *Illinois Audubon Bulletin*, *Illinois Birds and Birding*, and *Meadowlark, A Journal of Illinois Birds* are abbreviated by AB, AFN, IAB, IBB, and MJIB, respectively, followed by volume and page numbers; note that the first two issues of MJIB (Volume 1, Numbers 1 and 2) were paginated separately, not sequentially within that volume, and the journal number is cited for those two issues. Months are abbreviated by their first three letters.

County abbreviations largely follow those adopted in Kleen 1985. Ten changes have been made for reasons beyond the scope of this report. The complete listing of all 102 Illinois counties and their abbreviations as adopted here is as follows, with alternate abbreviations used in Kleen 1985 enclosed in square brackets [ ]:

"Northern", "central", and "southern Illinois" refer to specific subsections of the state as first defined by Gault 1922; see also Bohlen 1978. The terms "region" and "regional" apply to the Middlewestern Prairie Region as used in AB and AFN and include Illinois as well as Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and most of Ohio and Kentucky.

Adams = ADA [ADM].
Alexander = ALE [ALX].
Bond = BON.
Boone = BOO.
Brown = BRO.
Bureau = BUR.
Calhoun = CAL.
Carroll = CAR.
Cass = CAS.
Champaign = CHA.
Christian = CHR.
Clark = CLR [CLK].
Clay = CLY.
Clinton = CLI.
Coles = COL.
Cook = COO.
Crawford = CRA.
Cumberland = CUM.
De Kalb = DEK.
De Witt = DEW.
Douglas = DOU.
Du Page = DUP.
Edgar = EDG.
Edwards = EDW.
Effingham = EFF.
Fayette = FAY.
Ford = FOR.
Franklin = FRA.
Fulton = FUL.
Gallatin = GAL.
Greene = GRE.
Grundy = GRU.
Hamilton = HAM.
Hancock = HAN.
Hardin = HAR.
Henderson = HND.
Henry = HNR.
Iroquois = IRO.
Jackson = JAC.
Jasper = JAS.
Jefferson = JEF.
Jersey = JER.
Jo Daviess = JOD.
Johnson = JOH.
Kane = KNE [KAN].
Kankakee = KNK.
Kendall = KEN.
Knox = KNO.
Lake = LAK.
La Salle = LAS.
Lawrence = LAW.
Lee = LEE.
Livingston = LIV.
Logan = LOG.
McDonough = McD.
McHenry = McH.
McLean = McL.
Macon = MCN [MAC].
Macoupin = MCP.
Madison = MAD.
Marion = MRN.
Marshall = MRS [MSL].
Mason = MSN.
Massac = MSS.
Menard = MEN.
Mercer = MER.
Monroe = MNR [MON].
Montgomery = MNT.
Morgan = MOR.
Moultrie = MOU.
Ogle = OGL.
Peoria = PEO.
Perry = PER.
Piatt = PIA.
Pike = PIK.
Pope = POP.
Pulaski = PUL.
Putnam = PUT.
Randolph = RAN.
Richland = RIC.
Rock Island = ROC.
St. Clair = SCL [STC].
Saline = SAL.
Sangamon = SAN.
Schuyler = SCH.
Scott = SCO.
Shelby = SHE.
Stark = STA.
Stephenson = STE.
Tazewell = TAZ.
Union = UNI.
Vermilion = VER.
Wabash = WAB.
Warren = WAR.
Washington = WAS.
Wayne = WAY.
White = WHT [WHI].
Whiteside = WHS.
Will = WLL [WIL].
Williamson = WLM.
Winnebago = WIN.
Woodford = WOO.

Other abbreviations used throughout are:
AOU = American Ornithologists' Union;
CA = Conservation Area,
CAS = Chicago Academy of Sciences,
CBC = Christmas Bird Count,
Co. = County,
Cos. = Counties,
FMNH = Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago),
FP = Forest Preserve,
GLNTC = Great Lakes Naval Training Center (LAK),
GLPSP = Goose Lake Prairie State Park (GRU),
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (LAK),
ISM = Illinois State Museum (Springfield),
L. = Lake,
NC = Nature Center,
NF = National Forest,
NWR = National Wildlife Refuge,
R. = River,
SBC = Spring Bird Count,
P = State Park.

Review List: As in past reports, the Review List is provided to indieate those birds the observer might encounter that the Committee is most interested in reviewing. These are species that, in general, do not occur annually in Illinois, or that are extremely rare in all but a few counties in the state. The current review list was approved at the 8 Feb 1998 Committee meeting. Three species aceepted in Bohlen 1989 are still pending acceptance by Committee review; these species are asterisked (*) here. The IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the following species: Pacific and Yellow-billed Loon; Clark's Grebe; Northern Gannet; Brown Pelican; Neotropic Cormorant; Anhinga; Magnificent Frigatebird; Trieolored Heron; Reddish Egret; White, Glossy, and White-faced Ibis; Wood Stork; Fulvous Whistling-Duck; Brant; Garganey; Cinnamon Teal; Eurasian Wigeon; Tufted Duek; Common and King Eider; Barrow's Goldeneye; Harlequin Duck (except L. Michigan); Blaek Vulture (except Shawnee NF); Swallow-tailed and White-tailed Kite; Mississippi Kite (except Mississippi R. north to Adams Co.); Swainson's Hawk (exeept Kane and southern MeHenry Cos.); Ferruginous Hawk; Gyrfalcon; Prairie Faleon; Blaek Rail; Purple Gallinule; Whooping Crane; Snowy Plover; Whimbrel (exeept L. Michigan); Long-billed Curlew; Sharp-tailed, Purple, and Curlew Sandpiper; Ruff; Pomarine, Parasitic, and Long-tailed* Jaeger; Blaek-headed, Mew, California, Slaty-baeked, Western, Glaucous-winged, Ross's, and Ivory Gull; Gull-billed, Royal, Sandwich, Arctic, and Large-billed Tern; Dovekie; Aneient Murrelet; Band-tailed Pigeon; Eurasian Collared-Dove; Common Ground-Dove; Groove-billed Ani; Barn, Northern Hawk, Burrowing, and Boreal Owl; Broad-billed and Rufous Hummingbird; Williamson's Sapsucker; Black-backed Woodpecker; Western Wood-Pewee; Say's Phoebe; Vermilion, Ash-throated, and Seissor-tailed Flycatcher; Violet-green Swallow; Western Scrub-Jay; Steller's Jay*; Clark's Nutcracker; Black-billed Magpie; Boreal Chickadee; Rock Wren; Northern Wheatear; Townsend's Solitaire; Mountain Bluebird; Bicknell's* and Varied Thrush; Sage and Curve-billed Thrasher; Bohemian Waxwing; Sprague's Pipit; Black-throated Gray, Townsend's, Kirtland's, Swainson's, and MacGillivray's Warbler; Hepatic and Western Tanager; Black-headed Grosbeak; Lazuli and Painted Bunting; Green-tailed Towhee; Bachman's, Cassin's, Brewer's, and Black-throated Sparrow; Lark Bunting; Golden-crowned Sparrow; Chestnut-collared Longspur; Great-tailed Grackle; Bullock's Oriole; Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch; Pine Grosbeak; and Hoary Redpoll.

Eleven species have been removed since the last published review list (Goetz 1990), but are treated here under the headings of Review List Species, with their revised status noted. These are: Red-throated Loon; Red-neeked and Western Grebe; Yellow Rail; Black-necked Stilt; Red Phalarope; Little, Iceland, and Lesser Black-backed Gull; Black-legged Kittiwake; Sabine's Gull; and Western Kingbird. Note further that the recently resurreeted species Spotted Towhee was included in recent unpublished review lists, but it is herein removed.

In addition to the above listing, any species not aecepted in Bohlen 1989 should be documented. Doeumentation of regular species may be appropriate when they oecur out of season, i.e., exceptionally early arrival or late departure dates or extraordinarily high numbers for migratory species. Documentation for high counts should provide evidence justifying the number of birds reported. All first state nesting records should also be documented.

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[1] Three record numbers appear under both Accepted and Unaccepted Records: 1995.059 is accepted (as a Parasitic Jaeger) and unaeeepted (as a Long-tailed Jaeger); and the record numbers 1996.015 (Barrow's Goldeneye) and 1996.017 (Mississippi Kite) apply to two individuals in each case, only one of which was accepted.

[2] Two of the 103 record numbers for 1996—numbers "080" and "092"—are suppressed.

[3] This is the spelling in the fortieth supplement (1995) to the AOU check-list (Auk 112:824), but throughout its history the AOU has vaeillated between this spelling and "woodhouseii".

ACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Accepted
(199 records of 94 species)

Red-throated Loon (*Gavia stellata*): One at L. Vermilion near Danville, on the Middlefork River Valley CBC VER 1-2 Jan (1995.001; SDB, EJC, RTC); first January record this century. One at Highland Park LAK 3-5 Nov (1996.049; DBJ). One juvenile at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 21-23 Nov (1996.057; DBJ). One at Waukegan LAK 3-4 Dec (1996.088; RB). The preceding three records were just part of a substantial influx along Lake Michigan in fall of 1996; see MJIB 6:63. One at Clinton L. DEW 30 Oct (1996.066; RTC). One at Carlyle L. CLI 12-23 Nov (1996.095; DK). This species has been removed from the review list.

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*): One in first-summer plumage at Sun and Deep Lakes near Lake Villa LAK 21-30 Jun (1991.010; DBJ*p,v; DD*v). This is the first summering record for the state and for the region. One photo appears in IBB 7:80, IBB 7:81, and (in color) in AB 45:1181; a second photo is in MJIB 1:27. An account appears in IBB 7:103-104. One at Clinton L. DEW 10-12 Dec (1993.048; TF, MS). One juvenile at Navy Pier, Chicago COO 19-28 Nov (1996.054; RDH; DBJ*v). One juvenile at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 21 Nov (1996.065; RDH). One adult at Waukegan LAK 3-10 Dec (1996.087; RB). The three 1996 records were part of an "invasion" of small loons along Lake Michigan; see MJIB 6:63.

Red-necked Grebe (*Podiceps grisegena*): One breeding-plumaged adult at Market Place Mall detention pond CHA 6-8 May (1995.005; EJC). An account is in MJIB 4:137, but see corrigendum in MJIB 6:109, which points out that this is the second record for CHA, not the first. This species has been removed from the review list.

Western Grebe (*Aechmophorus occidentalis*): One at Waukegan harbor on the Waukegan CBC LAK 1-2 Jan (1995.002; RB, LCB); first state CBC record; a date span of "1-7 Jan" in MJIB 4:111 appears to be incorrect. One at Rend L. FRA 1 Jan (1995.033; LS). One at Horseshoe L. MAD 14-16 May (1996.003; DK). Two at Hamilton HAN 19-20 May (1996.045; OD*); photos diagnostic. This species has been removed from the review list.

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*): One juvenile at Little Bear Lake, Vernon Hills LAK 9 Nov (1993.009; SF; LCB, DBJ). The location is thoroughly unexpected: eight miles inland from L. Michigan on a man-made lake next to a shopping mall. An account is in MJIB 3:60. One juvenile on the Mississippi R. at Rock Island ROC 19 Dec (1993.054; BLB); first state CBC record. See MJIB 3:106 for an account. This was the last of an influx of gannets into the region.

Brown Pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis*): One adult at several sites along L. Michigan (Chicago, Evanston, GLNTC marina, Waukegan and Zion) COO and LAK 7 May - 10 Aug (1990.013; EW, JDB, RK, DBJ, RTC, KLG, JBM*, KH*); second accepted Illinois record. A photo appears in IBB 6:84 and AB 44:433. One immature on both the Illinois and Iowa sides of the Mississippi R. near Lock and Dam No. 18 near Gladstone HEN 7 Nov (1996.051; HDB, MFD); third accepted Illinois record. Kleen 1997 gives the Illinois evidence for this occurrence; see also *Iowa Bird Life* 67:99. Bohlen 1989:8 includes five old records, but Goetz 1990:10 notes that only one of these, a specimen from 1916, is adequately documented.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*): One at Crabtree NC COO 28 Jun - 17 Jul (1992.009; JO; CAW, RAM, JEL, DBJ*v); an account appears in MJIB 2:20-21. One at L. Renwick WLL 6 Jul (1992.014; JBM*); second L. Renwick record. Not the same individual as the Crabtree NC bird (CAW, pers. comm.), despite the statement in AB 46:1140. Two slightly different photos appear in MJIB 2:25 and AB 46:1140, and an account is given in MJIB 2:21. One at Riverlands CA MAD 1 Sep (1992.026; PEB*, PBS). One adult at Riverdale quarry COO 20 May (1995.026; RDH). One adult at widewaters of the Des Plaines R., Channahon WLL 11 Sep (1995.064; JBM*); written description diagnostic, and photo strongly supportive. These are the third through seventh accepted state records.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*): One adult male at floodwaters of Fountain Creek near Columbia MNR 21-23 Jul (1993.001; KAM*). An account appears in MJIB 3:60. One female at McKee Marsh DUP 22 Apr - 1 May (1995.023; RCF; JBM*, DO*, DBJ*v); first northern Illinois record. Two photos and an account appear in MJIB 4:137-138; the first of these photos also appears in AFN 49:256.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*): One at Rend L. JEF 9-10 Jul (1994.052; TF*). One adult at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 25 Apr (1996.004; RDH). One adult at Fairmont City SCL 11 May - 8 Jun (1996.005; DK). One near Freeman Spur WLM 17 May (1996.006; LS*). One at Crabtree NC COO 22 May - 1 Jun (1996.007; CAW*). One adult between Cisco and Cerro Gordo PIA 24-26 May (1996.008; RTC, MFD); a departure date of "28 May" in MJIB 5:142 is unconfirmed. One at L. Calumet, Chicago COO 19 May (1996.042; WJM, EW*). One at Chain of Rocks canal MAD 9 Aug (1996.093; DK). One immature at Carlyle L. FAY 22 Aug (1996.067; HDB). Numerous extralimital records were obtained in the region in 1996.

Reddish Egret (*Egretta rufescens*): One juvenile at L. Calumet COO 14 Aug - 2 Oct (1993.010; SFr; BD*, JEL*, JBM*, DBJ*v); first confirmed Illinois and regional record. See Friscia 1994 for an account and three photos; the second photo is reprinted in AB 48:114, with notes on three additional first state records in the Midwest that fall (and see also AFN 48:950 for an addendum).

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*): One at Palatine Marsh near Crabtree NC COO 6-7 May (1993.034; CAW, CA, LCB, JBM*); an account is in MJIB 2:138. Two at Cypress Creek NWR PUL 8 May (1993.058; TF); see MJIB 2:138 for details. One at Beardstown CAS 12-15 Nov (1994.028; RTC, DO*); three photos appear in MJIB 4:61, the first of which also appears in AFN 49:53. Two at Sauget marsh SCL 28 May - 8 Jun (1996.010; DK, KAM, AS*).

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*): One adult at GLPSP GRU 15-17 May (1995.014; CA; JBM*); a supportive photo (in flight silhouette) as well as an account appear in MJIB 4:138-139. One adult at Carlyle L. CLI 13 May (1995.065; DK). One adult at Sauget Industrial Park SCL 29 May and 8 Aug (1996.011; DK, KAM, AS*); probably present from 27 May through summer.

Plegadis sp.: One adult at Carlyle L. subimpoundment #3 FAY 29 Sep (1996.091; DK).

Wood Stork (*Mycteria americana*): One juvenile at Sanganois CA MAS 18 Aug (1989.043; HDB, VMK, GSe*v). One juvenile at Sanganois CA MAS and at Long Lake SCH 4 Aug - 5 Sep (1992.015; JEL*, JBM*, RTC). A photo appears in MJIB 2:67 and AB 47:99, and an account is in MJIB 2:60-61. Two immature birds at Wood River MAD 11-20 Aug (1996.041; DBJ, DK, AS*); diagnostic photos.

Fulvous Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna bicolor*): Two at Rend L. JEF 13-14 May (1990.014; WDR, TF*). One south of Chain of Rocks MAD 8-9 Aug (1996.068; HDB; DK).

Brant (*Branta bernicla*): One at Clinton L. DEW 3-9 Jan (1994.002 MFD; RTC). Two immatures of the eastern race (*B. b. hrota*) at Sangchris SP SAN 13 Nov (1995.054; HDB); an account appears in MJIB 5:65-66.

Garganey (*Anas querquedula*): One male at Fermilab DUP 18-23 Apr (1982.002 DLu; LGB, JEL); first state and regional record. The Committee believes that photos were taken, and requests photographic evidence for this record.

Cinnamon Teal (*Anas cyanoptera*): One male near GLPSP GRU 7-21 Apr (1991.003; JBM*). Two photos are published, in IBB 7:25 and 7:94; the latter also appears in AB 45:452. A pair at Bismarck VER 8 May (1993.059; MJE); an unusual SBC record. One male at Carlyle sewage pond CLI 9 Apr (1995.066; DK, AS*).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*): One male at Clinton L. DEW 14-28 Mar (1992.016; MFD, RDP; RTC*); photos supportive but not diagnostic. One male at L. Law, Fermilab DUP 31 Mar (1996.013; JP).

Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*): One male at Chicago COO 3 Dec - 10 Apr (1972.005; CTC, HDB); first accepted state record.

King Eider (*Somateria spectabilis*): One immature male at Tekawitha Woods FP and Blackhawk FP on the Fox River KAN 2-17 Jan (1994.003; RN, ABH, JBM*, AF*); an account appears in MJIB 3:107-108, and two photos appear in MJIB 3:107 and 3:114. One near-adult male at Heidecke L. GRU 2 Jan - 18 Feb (1995.003; JWO; DBJ, JBM*); first state CBC record. A photo appears in MJIB 4:87, AFN 49:153, and AFN 49:319.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*): One adult male at Winthrop Harbor LAK 31 Jan - 6 Feb (1995.034; DBJ); see MJIB 4:106 for details. The arrival date of "Dec. 31" for this bird in AFN 49:153 is in error. One adult male at Clinton L. DEW 5 Mar (1996.015; ELK, JWW); a pair was reported, but only the description of the male was accepted as diagnostic; see next record. One adult female at Clinton L. DEW 9-10 Mar (1996.016; MFD, DK, RTC); possibly present since 5 Mar (see preceding record). One immature male at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 20 Mar (1996.014; RDH*); strongly supportive photograph plus a diagnostic description.

Black Vulture (*Coragyps atratus*): One at IBSP LAK 19 Oct (1996.047; PS, AFS); fourth record for northern Illinois. An account is in MJIB 6:62.

White-tailed Kite (*Elanus leucurus*): One adult at Washington Park, Springfield SAN 21 Apr (1995.027; HDB); second state record. An account appears in MJIB 4:141.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): One adult at Carlyle L. CLI 18 May (1996.017; DK, MS); a report of an immature at this site was not adequately documented. One adult at Normal McL 18 Aug (1996.069; GL), with undocumented reports from 12 Aug; a documentation date of "Aug. 16" in AFN 51:63 is incorrect.

Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*): One adult female at Northfield COO 21 April (1939.001; CBB, SSG, #CAS 15030); first and only specimen record for the state. One light morph immature at IBSP LAK 18 Oct (1996.070; RDH).

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*): One southwest of Seneca near the nuclear plant LAS 26 Dec - 17 Feb (1990.021; JBM*, JEL). The one published photo appears in IBB 7:56, IBB 7:80, and AB 45:279. One at University Park WIL 8 May (1993.060; AD); a remarkably late SBC record. One at Wolf Lake, Chicago COO 5 Dec (1993.011; WJM). One at Homer L., Salt Fork FP CHA 28 Apr (1996.018; RTC).

Gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*): One gray morph immature, coincident with the Prairie Falcon cited above, southwest of Seneca near the nuclear plant LAS 24 Dec - 17 Feb (1990.017; JBM*). Three similar photos appear in IBB 7:1 and IBB 7:74, and the last of these is reproduced in color in AB 45:339. One at Chillicothe PEO 28 Dec (1991.004; LN*). One gray morph immature at Clinton L. DEW 25 Feb - 5 Mar (1995.028; RTC; MFD); see MJIB 4:107 for details. One (gray morph) at Clinton L. DEW 25 Feb (1996.038; RTC).

Black Rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis*): One at Montrose, Chicago COO 30 May (1994.019; KH*; DBJ*); see MJIB

3:140 for an account and two photos. One at Henderson Creek marsh area just west of Route 94 HEN 6 May (1995.010; CL, TS). One at Forest Glen Preserve, Westville VER 6 May (1995.011; MJE).

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*): Three older records were reviewed and accepted to officially admit this species to the state list. One at Winnebago marshes, New Rochelle WIN 17 Mar (1889.001; #FMNH 417793). One at Old Apple River JOD Apr (1891.001; #FMNH 405302). One at Mississippi R. bottomlands south of Hull PIK 16 Oct - 5 Nov (1958.001; FCB*, ISM photo); for details and a published photograph see Mills and Bellrose 1959.

Black-necked Stilt (*Himantopus mexicanus*): Two, west of Victoria KNO 28 May (1995.029; MJB). One adult at Decatur MCN 3-23 Jul (1995.057; MFD*; RTC); AFN 49:934 erroneously claims three birds at this site. Six individuals near Grand Tower JAC 4 Aug, and four there on subsequent dates through 30 Aug (1995.056; TJD); published high counts to 14 birds in JAC and ALE during Aug 1995 are presumed valid, but not documented. One at CLI 4 May (1996.019; DK); first county record. One adult with three young at MAD 8-11 Aug, then at SCL 17-22 Aug (1996.043; HDB, AS*, DBJ*); an account is in MJIB 6:22. See also McKee and Fink 1995 for the first confirmation of breeding in Illinois, in 1994. This species has been removed from the review list.

Whimbrel (*Numenius phaeopus*): One adult at Decatur MAC 25 Jun (1993.024; RDP, MFD*). One at Carlyle L. CLI 10 Aug (1996.072; DK, MFD); first county record.

Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Calidris acuminata*): One juvenile at Chautauqua NWR MAS 28-29 Sep (1974.005; HDB, RDS, CTC); first state record; see Bohlen and Sandburg 1975. One juvenile at Rice L. FUL 25-26 Sep (1990.015; LA, RDP*, RTC, MJB); third state record; photos supportive but not diagnostic.

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*): One at Waukegan LAK 25 Oct - 5 Nov (1989.051; DBJ*, JBM*, EW*, RAB*). A photo appears in IBB 6:45, and a second photo is published in color in AB 44:31. One at the north jetty of Waukegan Harbor LAK 9-17 Nov, but two there on 10 Nov (1990.016; DBJ*, JSo*v). One at Waukegan Harbor LAK 23 Nov (1996.073; PS, CT*); see photo in MJIB 6:73, and note that the 22 Nov date published therein is incorrect (CT, pers. comm.).

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*): One white-ruffed male at Decatur MAC 27 Jun (1994.053; MFD, DO*); see MJIB 4:73 for a photo.

Red Phalarope (*Phalaropus fulicaria*): One adult at Decatur MAC 18-22 Aug (1994.031; MFD). One at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 3 Nov (1995.045; DBJ). One at Waukegan's New Harbor LAK 17-21 Nov (1996.053; DBJ, DB*). One at Carlyle L. CLI 30 Sep (1996.074; JV). Another, believed to be a separate individual based on the description, at Carlyle L. CLI 14 Oct (1996.102; DK). This species has been removed from the review list.

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*): Two juveniles at Springfield SAN 8-26 Nov (1996.079; HDB, DO*); photographs of two birds in distinct plumages were accepted by the Committee, and one of these is published in MJIB 6:75. A third juvenile is reported, but undocumented, in MJIB 6:74 and in AFN 51:64. Two juveniles at Carlyle L. CLI 5-26 Nov (1996.077; DK, DM, HDB).

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): One juvenile at La Salle L. Fish Hatchery ponds LAS 17 Sep (1995.059; CKM, JDM). This record was submitted as a probable Long-tailed Jaeger (and so published in AFN 50:62), but photographs showing pale tips to the primaries and cinnamon and buff tones to the head, nape, and rump provided diagnostic features for identification as a Parasitic (G. McCaskie, in litt.). Two photos are published in MJIB 5:74.

Little Gull (*Larus minutus*): One adult at Clinton L. DEW 29 Oct (1995.060; RTC). This species has been removed from the review list.

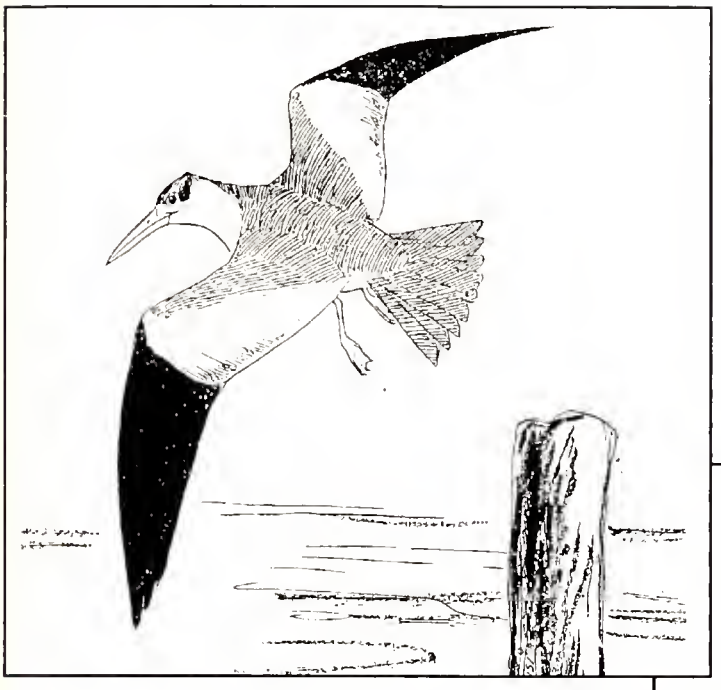
Black-headed Gull (*Larus ridibundus*): One adult at Clinton L. DEW 8 Nov (1995.061; RTC). An account appears in MJIB 5:63.

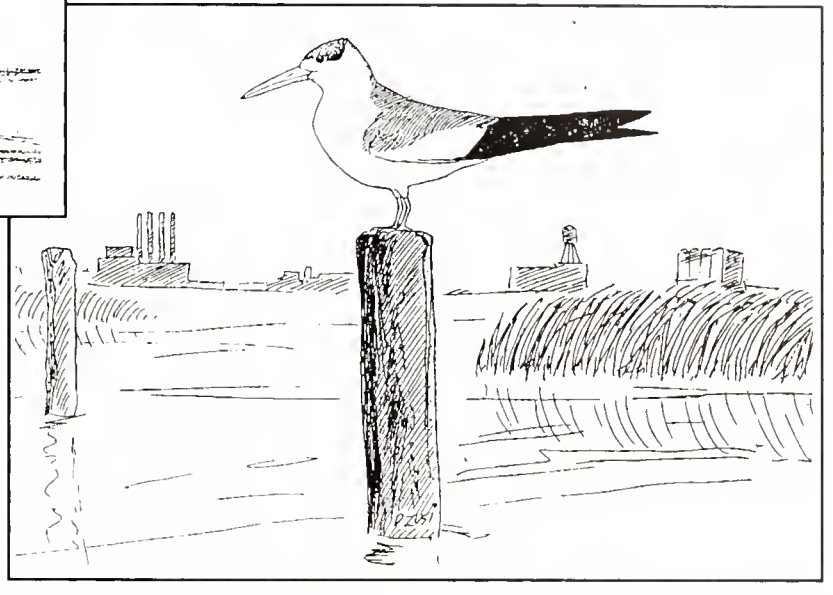
Mew Gull (*Larus canus*): One adult at Burnham Harbor, Chicago COO 20 Feb (1992.018; RDH*); a photo appears in MJIB 1:110. One adult at Waukegan Harbor LAK 1 Feb (1994.005; DDz, DBJ*v); first confirmed Lake Co. record. One adult at Clinton L. DEW 28 Jan (1996.039; MFD). One adult at Clinton L. DEW 23 Mar (1996.022; RTC). One adult at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 22 Mar (1996.021; RDH*, JO); diagnostic photo. One adult at L. Springfield SAN 23 May (1996.023; HDB); latest spring departure date for the state.

California Gull (*Larus californicus*): One third-summer bird at Decatur MAC 10 Aug (1994.035; MFD). One adult at Montrose Harbor beach, Chicago COO 2 Apr (1996.024; RDH*); the only Chicago-area record documented by a photograph.

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*): One old specimen record of a near-adult at Lincoln Park, Chicago COO 19 Oct - 17 Nov (1927.001; #CAS 1663); collected by A.M. Bailey and identified by Jonathan Dwight as assignable to the subspecies *L. o. wymani*; see Wright and Komarek 1928. Jehl and Devillers (in litt.) examined this specimen in 1971 and confirmed the specific identification, although they claimed the subspecies to be *L. o. occidentalis*. The specimen has been critically re-examined several times over by professional ornithologists, all of whom have apparently concurred on the identification at the species level.

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*): One second-winter bird at O'Brien Lock and Dam and Calumet area, Chicago COO 27 Nov - 12 Dec (1992.006; LA; JEL, LCB, WJM, AFS, RTC, DBJ*p,v, JBM*); first state record and the easternmost record for North America. See D. B. Johnson et al. 1995 for a detailed account, including two





Figures 1 & 2:
Sketches of Large-billed Tern
by Richard Zusi.
This species was seen
at Lake Calumet, Cook Co.
from 15 July to 20 September 1949.

photos; the second sentence of that article requires correction: Thanksgiving Day was 26 Nov in 1992. A third photo appears in color in AB 47:169. One first-year bird at Springfield SAN 31 Dec (1994.050; HDB); see MJIB 4:108-109. Four additional reports are still under review.

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*): Up to five juveniles at Carlyle L. CLI 18 Sep - 2 Oct (1996.090; DK). This species has been removed from the review list.

Ivory Gull (*Pagophila eburnea*): One immature at L. Springfield SAN 1 Jan (1991.001; HDB, DO*); first confirmed state record and southernmost for the region. A photo, sketch, and account appear in Bohlen 1991b. One immature at Montrose and Burnham Harbors, Chicago COO 25 Dec - 2 Jan (1991.002; KH*, AFS, JG, SH, SDB, RTC, DO*, RDH*, JBM*); second confirmed state record. This bird was discovered on the Chicago Lakefront CBC, and provides the first CBC record for Illinois. A color photo graced the cover of the AB CBC issue (46.4); this photo also appears in color in AB 46:331 and in black-and-white in MJIB 1:94. Two additional photos and two accounts are published in MJIB 1:92-96; see Stokie 1992 and Walters 1992b. Despite the comments in the latter reference, a report of this species from 1949, although almost certainly correct, remains undocumented and unaccepted.

Gull-billed Tern (*Sterna nilotica*): One adult at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 30 May (1997.011; EW*). First confirmed state record; supported by diagnostic photos. For a full account, see Walters 1997.

Sandwich Tern (*Sterna sandvicensis*): One adult at Waukegan Municipal Beach LAK 26 Apr (1989.024; LCB); first state and regional record. Binford 1993 gives a detailed account and a sketch. The documentation supplies meticulous detail by a professional ornithologist and outstanding field observer, and provides one of the exceptional occasions in which the Committee accepted a single-observer sight record as an addition to the state list.

Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*): One adult at L. Springfield cinder flats SAN 28 Jun - 1 Jul (1992.013; HDB; VMK, TMP, JEL*, DO*, JBM*); first confirmed state record. Bohlen 1993 provides details as well as two photos, the first of which appears in color in AB 46:1194. One adult at Brandon Road Lock and Dam WLL 27 May (1993.040; JBM*, JEL, WS); second state record. Two photos appear in MJIB 2:150, the second of which is published in color in AB 47:468. An account is in MJIB 2:140. One adult at the Braidwood Nuclear Station WLL 6 May (1995.017; JBM*); third state record and first SBC record. A photo and an account appear in MJIB 4:140-141; this photo also appears in AFN 49:258.

Large-billed Tern (*Phaetusa simplex*): One at L. Calumet COO 15 Jul - 20 Sep (1949.003; CTC, RLZ*); first North American record. A diagnostic description, excellent sketches, and strongly supportive photographs of this South American species validate the identification. For a crude sketch and brief account, see Zimmerman 1949. A proposed subspecific identification is indefensible (Burt Monroe, Jr., in litt.). The origins (but not the identification) of this celebrated bird have been questioned (AOU 1983:235). There is little reason to suppose the bird might have been an aviary escape; in a letter to CTC dated 16 Jul 1952, the general curator of the New York Zoological Society, Lee S. Crandall, wrote, "We have never had a specimen of the Large-billed Tern...and I have never heard of the species being kept in captivity." The possibility that it reached North American waters via ship assistance can-

not be eliminated; however, subsequent records of this species in Ohio on 29 May 1954 (McLaughlin 1979) and in New Jersey on 30 May 1988 (Kane et al. 1989) suggest a pattern of natural vagrancy. This is among the most significant records in Illinois ornithology, but questions of the bird's origin have long shrouded its validity. The Committee endorses the interpretation of this record as a natural occurrence. (See Figures 1 and 2.)

Groove-billed Ani at Montrose Harbor, Chicago, Cook Co. 27 September 1981. Photo by Michael Chameske.

Dovekie (*Alle alle*): One at nuclear power plant cooling lake southwest of Streator LAS 26 Nov (1992.023; CW, JDM); first state and regional record. See McKee 1993.

Band-tailed Pigeon (*Columba fasciata*): One at Springfield SAN 22 Dec - 23 Jan (1996.060; HDB; VMK, DO*, DBJ*p,v); first state record; discovered on the Springfield CBC, and subsequently seen by many birders. Bohlen 1997b gives a full account, including two photos; a third photo appears in AFN 51:755.

Eurasian Collared-Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*): A pair plus a single at a golf course near Carlyle L. dam CLI 22 Dec - 21 Feb, with the single remaining through 8 Mar (1997.034; HDB, MFD, MB, VMK, AS*); first accepted record for the state. The pair deserted the area after a nesting attempt failed. See Bohlen 1997c for the Illinois status of this recent U.S. colonizer. Note that the very similar "Ringed Turtle-Dove" is considered an avicultural artifact, and the Committee does not acknowledge an established feral population of this form for Illinois.

Common Ground-Dove (*Columbina passerina*): One at De Soto JAC 2-3 Jan (1989.101; DH*); the tenth reported.

Groove-billed Ani (*Crotophaga sulcirostris*): One at Montrose, Chicago COO 27 Sep (1981.015; JEL, MC*). See photo in this report. One of seven ani records in Illinois.

Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*): One at PUL Jun (1992.028; TF*). One at Perks PUL 6 May (1995.018; BL).

Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*): One old specimen, providing the first Committee acceptance of this species: a female at Chicago COO 3 Dec (1922.001; AR, #FMNH 67480).

Burrowing Owl (*Speotyto cunicularia*): One at Cissna Park IRO 22-30 Sep (1989.062; MFC, RTC, JBM*). Two distinct photos are published in IBB 6:45 and in AB 44:100. One at IBSP LAK 14 Oct (1989.063; DBJ).

Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*): One old specimen, providing the first Committee acceptance of this species: a female with an empty stomach collected dead, by an unnamed collector, on a street in Chicago COO 5 Mar (1914.001; #CAS 15083); see Coale 1914 for a brief account.

Broad-billed Hummingbird (*Cynanthus latirostris*): One adult female at Trivoli PEO 7-23 Nov (1996.052; HDB, MFD*, DBJ*v, JBM*, DO*, #ISM 660432 (outer left retrix)); first state and regional record. Bohlen 1997a provides details and includes six photographs as well as a sketch of the retrix collected; one of the photos also appears in AFN 51:65.

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*): One immature male at Olympia Fields COO 14 Oct - 12 Nov (1993.028; EBS, SS; JBM*, DBJ*v, #FMNH 360705); first specimen record for Illinois. Three photos and an account appear in Strauss and Strauss 1994, and the second of these photos appears in color in AB 48:162. One immature female at Murphysboro JAC 27 Oct - 15 Jan (1993.077; RFD*); second confirmed state record. This bird was netted, measured, and photographed, and species-diagnostic tail feathers were taken. See Danley 1994 for an account. One immature female at Urbana CHA late Sep-25 Oct (1996.050; HH*, RTC, EJC, DO*, SDB*, #ISM 660431 (second and fifth retrices)); third confirmed state record. For an account and a photograph see MJIB: 6:64. Note that the documentation, but not the published accounts, indicates that this bird had been present for about two weeks before the birding community was alerted on 6 Oct. These three records are the first confirmation of this species in Illinois, although there are two previously accepted records of *Selasphorus* hummingbirds not identifiable to species; see Goetz 1989:7 and Goetz 1990:11. Separation from other members of this difficult genus is based largely on structure and measurements of tail feathers as detailed in Stiles 1972.

Vermilion Flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*): One female at Sangchris SP SAN 18 Sep (1992.019; HDB; DO*); a photo and account appear in MJIB 2:63. One immature male at Ivanhoe LAK 11-18 Oct (1993.029; BS; MM, RDP, DBJ*p,v); details and a photo are in MJIB 3:61-62. These are the fifth and sixth state records, and the first for fall; both are first records for their respective counties.

Ash-throated Flycatcher (*Myiarchus cinerascens*): One juvenile at McCormick Place, Chicago COO 31 Aug - 2 Sep (1995.038; JO*; EW*, RTC, DBJ); second confirmed record for Illinois, and the earliest fall occurrence east of the Mississippi R. Three photos and a detailed discussion are in O'Brien 1996, and the first photo therein is also found in AFN 50:63.

Western Kingbird (*Tyrannus verticalis*): One, six miles southeast of Charleston COL 4 Sep (1995.062; LBH). One at Casino Queen, Metrolink vicinity, East St. Louis STC 9 Aug (1996.089; DK), where this species has been nesting since 1994. This species has been taken off the review list.

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*): One male at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe COO 14-22 May (1990.023; JFS, RME, JBM*, JEL*). A photo appears in IBB 6:89 and in AB 44:437. One male at Waterman and Shabbona Grove Rds., south-central DEK 22-28 Apr (1995.032; TD*); first county record. A photo and account appear in MJIB 4:142, but the arrival date cited there is incorrect. One at Glacial Park McH 6 Jun (1995.037; DF, DEM*); first county record; photo diagnostic. One, two miles southeast of Chester RAN 3 Jun (1995.067; RFD). One at MEN mid-Jul (1996.044; RBa*); photo diagnostic. One at Itasca DUP 24 May (1996.064; REF*v).

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*): One adult male at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO 18 Jul (1991.005; EW). See Walters 1992a for an account. One female near Shirland WIN 4 Jun - 10 Jul (1994.025; LJ; JBM*, DBJ* p,v); an account and five photos are in Johnson and Moskoff 1995, and the lead photo is reprinted in AFN 48:949. Most remarkable was this bird's attempt to pair with a male Tree Swallow—the first hybridization attempt between these two species known to science. A nest was built in a bluebird house and two infertile eggs were laid. These are the first two accepted records for Illinois. See Unaccepted Records on page 62.

Western Scrub-Jay (*Aphelocoma californica*): One immature at IBSP LAK 29-30 Oct (1984.019; RTC, EJC, JEL, JBM*); first state record; an account and two photos are published in Chapel and Chato 1986. The observers thought this bird was most likely of the interior race *wood-housei* [3], based on its "washed-out" appearance. More recently, A. T. Peterson (pers. comm.) considered the subspecific identity indeterminable, but added that the brown greater seeondary coverts suggest a hatching-year bird.

Clark's Nutcracker (*Nucifraga columbiana*): One first-year female at HAN 27 Dec - 13 Jan (1996.085; #ISM 660433); first confirmed record and first specimen record for Illinois. Martha Gray rescued and released this bird from the jaws of a cat on 27 Dec, but the bird was not seen again until 13 Jan, when it was found dead. See Franks and Franks 1997 for details.

Black-billed Magpie (*Pica pica*): One near Chicago COO Dec (1924.001; JF, #FMNH 97913); photos of this specimen were reviewed to officially add this species to the state list. The Illinois records for this species are in need of systematic review, since some records are referable to escapes from captivity, based on extreme feather wear, while others ostensibly apply to vagrants. The 1924 record coincided with extralimital records elsewhere; the December date conforms to the pattern of vagrants; and the clear photos showed no evidence of feather wear. The Committee accepted the record as applying to an extralimital vagrant.

Boreal Chickadee (*Poecile hudsonicus*): One collected at Waukegan LAK 5 Nov (1906.001; JFF, #FMNH 21755); first specimen record for Illinois; see Ferry 1907. This is the only record formally reviewed by the Committee to date; Bohlen 1989 notes additional reports.

Northern Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*): One north of Mattoon COL 12 Sep (1990.011; GS*; HDB, RTC, GW, DKA*); first state record and second regional record. The same photo appears in IBB 6:49, in IBB 7:12, and in AB 45:112. Schaefer 1991 recounts the sighting.

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*): One female southwest of La Salle nuclear power plant LAS 19-20 Nov (1995.043; MJH); fourth state record. An account is in MJIB 5:67.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*): One at Klehm Aboretum and FP, Rockford WIN 17 Nov - 11 Jan (1995.039; RM; ABh, JBM*); first county record and fifteenth for the state. A photo and account appear in MJIB 5:65. One at Lyons Woods FP LAK 25 Nov - 21 Jan (1995.040; EW*, DBJ*p,v); second county record and sixteenth for the state; possibly present from 12 Nov (*fide* AFS, RDS). This bird was erroneously reported through the end of the winter season in AFN 50:177. See MJIB 5:93 and 5:109 for two photos and an account. The date in the caption to the photo on page 93 should read "25 Nov. 1995".

Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*): A female at Libertyville LAK 21 Dec - 10 Mar (1989.068; JEL*, JBM*, DBJ*, WJM, LCB); recorded on the Waukegan CBC. Three separate photos are published in IBB 6:1, AB 44:1019, and IBB 6:66; the first of these also appears in color in AB 44:222. A male just north of Washington Park, Springfield SAN 24 Dec - 27 Jan (1990.024; JH; HDB, DO*, #ISM 660180); a departure date of "7 Jan" in IBB 7:75 and in AB 45:280 is incorrect. First Illinois specimen record; subspecies undeterminable. A photo and account appear in Bohlen 1991a. One at Naperville DUP 7 Jan (1994.008; LD, ED*). One male at Crystal L. McH 18 Nov - 22 Apr (1995.046; TH*, GM); recorded on the McH CBC 16 Dec. For details see MJIB 5:109-110. The arrival date of "17 Dec." cited in MJIB 5:117 is in error. One female at Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary COO 25-27 Oct (1996.048; LA, MFD, #ISM 660426); second Illinois specimen record, assignable to the

expected subspecies *meruloides* (HDB, pers. comm.). One at Waukegan LAK 23 Nov - 22 Mar (1996.061; CE*; SLD*, DBJ), also on the Waukegan CBC; see MJIB 6:108. There are inconsistencies in the published dates for this record; the correct dates are those cited here.

Curve-billed Thrasher (*Toxostoma curvirostre*): One at Rend L. JEF 16 Dec - 24 Jan (1992.020; TF*; JKD, JEL*, RFD, DO*); first state record. Two photos and a detailed account appear in Fink and DeNeal 1993, and the second photo is printed in color in AB 47:318. This remarkable find was made while scouting for the Rend Lake CBC, and the bird was recorded on that count.

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*): One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 1-3 Nov (1993.031; PRC); see MJIB 3:63 for an account. Four birds at Ravinia, Highland Park LAK 17 Dec, and three there on 19 Dec (1995.047; DBJ*); a photo of a single appears in MJIB 5:117. One at Klehm FP WIN 1 Jan (1996.002; ABh); included as a count-week bird on the Kishwaukee CBC.

Hepatic Tanager near Beverly, Adams Co. 23-29 November 1981. Photos by Eunice Funk.

Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica townsendi*): One female at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe COO 6 May (1993.033; JFS; LCB, JEL*, DBJ, MMe*); third state record. Two photos and a detailed account appear in Steffen 1994.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*): One first-fall male at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 13-15 Sep (1996.063; WS, RDH*, KH*, EW*). Leg-bands revealed that this bird had been banded at Ogemaw County, Michigan, on 15 Aug 1996. A photo and full account are in MJIB 6:65-66; an additional photo appears on the back cover of MJIB 6.2.

Swainson's Warbler (*Limnothlypis swainsonii*): One at Busey Woods, Urbana CHA 28 May (1995.013; RTC). See MJIB 4:143 for an account. One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 27-29 Apr (1996.025; WM; PRC, DBJ, GSS*, TJ*). A remarkably cooperative individual, seen by nearly 100 observers; two photos and a brief account are contained in Williamson 1996:131-132.

MacGillivray's Warbler (*Oporornis tolmiei*): One old specimen record, long overlooked, of an adult male at Lewistown FUL 15 May (1915.001; #FMNH 150937); first state record, – originally identified as a Connecticut Warbler by its collector, W. S. Strode. A fascinating discussion of this specimen's history and final identification is provided by Binford and DeSante 1993.

Hepatic Tanager (*Piranga flava*): One immature female type near Beverly ADA 23-29 Nov (1981.004; JLF, EF*); first state and regional record; see Funk 1982, but note that the arrival date cited there is incorrect. A photo appears on the cover of IAB 200 as well as in this report.

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*): One male at Hinsdale DUP 16 Apr (1992.022; SAR*). A summary is given in MJIB 1:140. One male at Berger Park, Chicago COO 17 May (1996.033; JMS); see Sullivan 1996 for an account. A date of "10 May" published in MJIB 5:155 and in AFN 50:289 is incorrect.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheucticus melanocephalus*): One at Clinton L. DEW 16-18 Sep (1993.032; RDP, MFD, RTC); an account is in MJIB 3:63.

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*): One second-year male at L. Springfield SAN 7 May (1996.029; HDB); second state record.

Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*): One adult male at Makanda Township JAK 20-22 Apr (1993.076; DO*); first confirmed state record. A photo and account appear in Gelman 1994. One immature male at McCormick Place, Chicago COO 10 Oct (1996.046; DEW, DFS, #FMNH 381657); first specimen record for the state. This individual was found as a window-kill along with other migrant passerines. See MJIB 6:66 for details.

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*): One at Poplar Grove BOO 20-21 May (1996.030; AB; DTW*); a diagnostic photo and account appear in Williamson 1996:132, but the dates of occurrence cited therein are off by one day.

Spotted Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*): One female at Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation, Dundee KAN 21 Nov - 19 Jan (1996.059; RAM; JBM*, DBJ*v); a photo is published in MJIB 6:119. This species is effectively annual

in occurrence in Illinois and has been removed from the review list.

Bachman's Sparrow (*Aimophila aestivalis*): Photographs of two old specimens from Grand Chain PUL 15 Oct (1897.002; #FMNH 5946; and 1887.003; #FMNH 5947) were reviewed to provide formal acceptance of this species by the Committee. There are numerous older reports and specimens, but no recently accepted records. Bohlen 1989 cites 1975 as the last year of occurrence in the state.

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*): One at Lincoln Park Bird Sanctuary, Chicago COO 27 Nov - early/mid-May (1996.058; RDH*; HDB, DBJ*p.v, JEL*, JBM*); third state record, and recorded on the Chicago Urban CBC for a first Illinois CBC record. Seen by scores of birders. Heard singing beginning 22 Feb; the songs were apparently indicative of the nominate subspecies (AFN 51:757). An account and photo are published in MJIB 6:107-108, and a different photo appears on the back cover of MJIB 6.3 and in AFN 51:66.

Black-throated Sparrow (*Amphispiza bilineata*): One at Glencoe COO 6 Jan - early Mar (1980.010; IB,Mme*, DBJ*). One at Rockford WIN 7-24 Feb (1980.011; JLA*). Two photos of the Glencoe bird and one of the Rockford bird appear in IAB 193:29.

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*): One male on the SBC at Sherrard MER 9 May (1992.029; PCP*). One immature male collected as a window-kill at McCormick Place, Chicago COO 31 Aug (1992.024; DEW, #FMNH 357668); first specimen record for the state. Details are in MJIB 2:64 (and see corrigendum in MJIB 2:158).

Golden-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*): One at Green R. CA LEE 15 Dec - 11 Apr (1989.070; LJs, JBM*). The photo in IBB 6:67 is reprinted in color in AB 44:221. Presumed to be the same individual that wintered at the same site the previous year; see Goetz 1990 regarding that record.

Great-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*): One adult female south of Route 159 along RAN/PER county line 23 Jan (1994.009; TF, CS); second state record. An account is published in MJIB 3:110.

Gray-crowned Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte tephrocotis*): One at the home of David and Sandy White at University Park WLL 15-20 Nov (1990.012; AD, JEL, TMP, WDR, LCB, RTC, DO*, DBJ*); first state record and fifth regional record. There were subsequent, unsubstantiated reports of this individual at Matteson around 25 Nov and at Hazel Crest on 10 Jan 1991. A photo appears in IBB 6:73, and is reprinted with a brief account (but with an incorrect arrival date) in Dawson 1991.

Hoary Redpoll (*Carduelis hornemanni*): One at Joliet WLL 30 Jan - early Feb (1982.021; JBM*). The only record formally reviewed and accepted by the Committee to date, although specimens are claimed for Illinois, pending review.

Other Accepted Records (19 records of 15 species)

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*): One west of Cache ALE 19 Dec (1995.048; SDB); documented on the Horseshoe L. CBC. One at a marsh near Sun Foundation MRS 17-18 Feb (1996.037; BO).

Snowy Egret (*Egretta thula*): One at Morton Aboretum DUP 23 Apr - 6 May (1996.009; ABH*).

Harlequin Duck (*Histrionicus histrionicus*): One at GLNTC LAK 6 May (1995.006; RJN); first SBC record and one of the latest spring departure dates for the state.

Marbled Godwit (*Limosa fedoa*): One at WIL 6 May (1995.012; JWO). One at L. Calumet COO 5-14 Oct (1996.071; WJM).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper (*Tryngites subruficollis*): Eight on the SBC at Hoopeston Sanitary Plant VER 6 May (1995.015; MJE); among the few spring records, and a remarkably large number for the season.

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*): One adult at Rend L. FRA 6 May (1995.016; RFD).

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*): One adult at Kishwaukee R. at Beltline Road, Rockford WIN 14 May (1995.031; ABh); first county record.

Passenger Pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*): Two old specimen records were reviewed to formally add this extinct species to the state list. One male at Grand Crossing, Chicago COO (1875.001; #FMNH 7042). One female at Deer Plain and junction of the Mississippi R. CAL (1880.001; #FMNH 6436); this specimen is dated "1870-1880".

Snowy Owl (*Nyctea scandiaca*): Nine along Chicago's lakefront (Montrose Harbor to Meigs Field) COO 23 Nov (1996.056; DBJ). Highest single party, one-day count for Illinois.

Nashville Warbler (*Vermivora ruficapilla*): One adult male at GLNTC on Waukegan CBC LAK 1 Jan (1995.004; RB).

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*): One immature female at Buffalo Grove LAK 3 Jan (1994.051; DBJ); first winter record for northern Illinois. An account is in MJIB 3:108.

Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*): One at O'Fallon STC 22 Nov - 3 Dec (1996.083; KAM); a late fall departure date.

Clay-colored Sparrow (*Spizella pallida*): One at Bensenville DUP 30 Jan (1983.011; JSu*); first Illinois winter record. Two at Lake Shore Park, Chicago COO 23 Nov - 18 Jan (1996.055; DBJ*p.v, EW); second Illinois winter record. An account and photo are in MJIB 6:108-109.

Harris's Sparrow (*Zonotrichia querula*): One immature at a backyard feeder near Nelson Lake, five miles west of Batavia KNE 15 Nov - early Mar (1995.063; DL); this record is published with more limited dates, and with misleading information on the locale, in MJIB 5:118.

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*): One adult male at Decatur MCN 16 Dec (1995.049; MFD); seen on the Decatur CBC.

Other Accepted Forms (3 records of 3 hybrids)

Cinnamon Teal x Blue-winged Teal (*Anas cyanoptera x discors*): One breeding-plumaged male at Hazlet SP CLI 30 Mar (1996.012; DK).

Hermit x Townsend's Warbler (*Dendroica occidentalis x townsendi*): One male at Van Patten Woods FP LAK 4 May (1996.026; RDH); discovered on the SBC. The documentation includes a nice sketch. (See Figure 3). The Committee solicited an expert evaluation of this remarkable record from Jon L. Dunn, who concurred with the identification (pers. comm.). This may be the only second record for eastern N. America for this hybrid; see Mactavish 1996.

Spotted X Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo maculatus x erythrophthalmus*): One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 13 May (1996.031; PRC); as noted in the documentation, observed details did not preclude the possibility of a hybrid Spotted x Eastern Towhee, and the Committee accepted the record with this qualification.

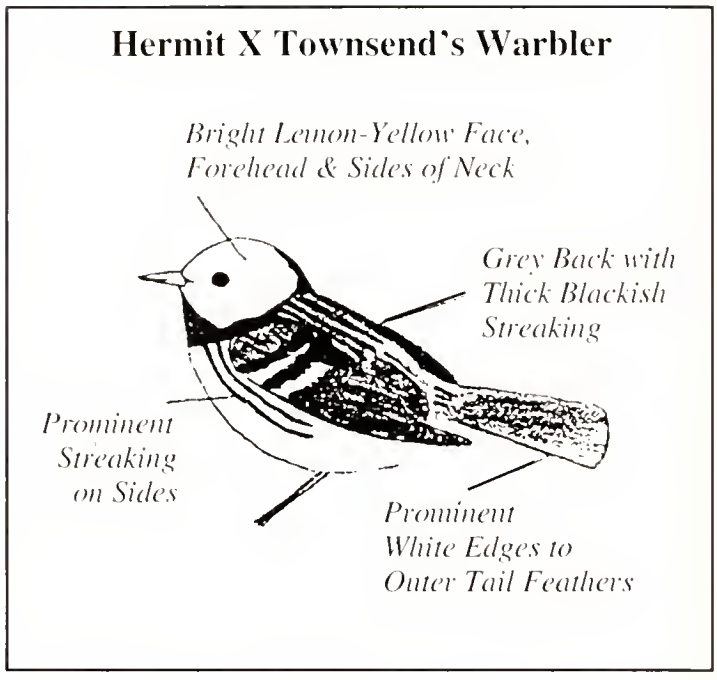

Hermit X Townsend's Warbler
Bright Lemon-Yellow Face, Forehead & Sides of Neck
Grey Back with Thick Blackish Streaking
Prominent Streaking on Sides
Prominent White Edges to Outer Tail Feathers

Figure 3: *Hermit x Townsend's Warbler. One male at Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, Lake Co. 4 May 1996. Sketch by one of the observers, Robert D. Hughes.*

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Unaccepted

(34 records of 24 species)

Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*): One at IBSP LAK 7 Dec (1996.086). Seen as close as 30 yards, and likely correct, but the description is too brief to convincingly eliminate Red-throated Loon. The record is published in AFN 51:62. Three in basic plumage at Crab Orchard NWR WLM 25 Dec (1996.101). Well-described, but the Committee felt that the distance of observation (about one mile as measured on a map) was simply too great to confidently guarantee a diagnosis.

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*): One at Lake Calumet COO 2 Jun (1996.034). The observer requested that this record be withdrawn from Committee circulation, but it is nonetheless published in MJIB 5:142 (where the date is incorrectly cited as "3 June") and in AFN 50:286.

Anhinga (*Anhinga anhinga*): One at Jackson Park, Chicago COO 5 May (1995.025). Supportive details of a distinctive species, but the details were submitted as a second-hand report rather than by the actual observer. The Committee requires first-hand reports for acceptance of any modern record.

Magnificent Frigatebird (*Fregata magnificens*). One female on the Mississippi R., attributed to Illinois, but the exact location is still unknown; HAR?, CAL? 13 Oct (1995.053). The Committee accepted the bird's identification as "frigatebird, sp?" in the second round of voting, but did not accept the record as assignable to Illinois. See MJIB 5:66 for an account. One adult female at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 8 Jul (1995.055). The description does not eliminate other frigatebird species. More importantly, a 40-day lag between the time of sighting and the time of documentation caused some Committee consternation. The report is published as an unidentified frigatebird in MJIB 5:70.

Tricolored Heron (*Egretta tricolor*): One at Montrose Harbor, Chicago COO 27 Apr (1996.096). Likely correct, but the description submitted is too minimal to evaluate. The record is published in MJIB 5:142.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*): One adult male at Winthrop Harbor LAK 20 Jan (1996.036). Likely correct, but the details presented do not rule out first-year male Common Goldeneye. The record is published in MJIB 5:108. One female at Clinton L. DEW 5 Mar (1996.015), seen in company with an accepted record of an adult male Barrow's Goldeneye. The identification of the female was based on only one detail (bill color). Two females at Montrose, Chicago COO 29 Dec (1996.099); this report was not formally documented, but was retrieved from the Internet. Not enough detail was provided to secure this difficult identification.

Mississippi Kite (*Ictinia mississippiensis*): One at Nelson Lake Marsh KAN 6 May (1995.007); SBC record. The two observers gave conflicting descriptions of underparts (white vs. gray), and the tail was described as gray rather than the expected black. Several Committee members felt that male Northern Harrier was not ruled out by the

details submitted. One immature at Carlyle L. CLI 18 May (1996.017); the description is too sketchy to evaluate. This was one of two birds at this site (so published in MJIB 5:145 and in AFN 50:287); the description of the second bird, an adult, was found acceptable.

Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*): Two at Sand L. MAS 6 May (1995.009). The descriptions are too brief to confirm the identification. The record is published as a single bird (at "Havana") in MJIB 4:149 and in AFN 49:257.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*): One, four miles east of Carlyle CLI 25 Jan (1995.035). Possibly correct, but the description does not diagnostically exclude all plumages of Peregrine Falcon (especially immature of the subspecies *tundrius*) or Gyrfalcon. The record is published in MJIB 4:115. One at IBSP LAK 27 Apr (1996.097). Several key field-marks not seen. The record is published in MJIB 5:145.

Gyrfalcon (*Falco rusticolus*): One immature at Rock Island ROC 22 Dec (1996.062). This bird would have been a CBC first for Illinois. The description is too sketchy to rule out other falcons or even accipiters. The record is included in the Davenport, Iowa, CBC in AFN 51:454.

Ruff (*Philomachus pugnax*): One female at WLL 1 May (1995.030). Likely correct, given the expertise of the observer, but the Committee felt after two rounds of voting that the minimal description did not convincingly rule out yellowlegs. The record is published in MJIB 4:151 and in AFN 49:258.

Pomarine Jaeger (*Stercorarius pomarinus*): One light morph juvenile at Springfield SAN 8 Sep (1995.058). An extremely early date for this species, and details submitted are largely impressionistic (albeit by an expert field observer) and do not satisfactorily eliminate Parasitic Jaeger. The record is published in AFN 50:62 (and retracted in AFN 50:957). One at Carlyle L. CLI 20 Mar (1996.020). The Committee felt that the bird was too distant for positive species identification within this most difficult genus, and reasons for eliminating other species of jaegers were not provided. One on the Mississippi R. above Dam #26-R (Mel Price Dam) MAD 25 Sep (1996.076); again, too distant ("300-400 yards") for positive identification and elimination of other jaeger species. One immature at Clinton L. DEW 1 Dec (1996.078). Seen briefly at very close range, and likely correct; however, the characteristic "double-crescent" on the underwing of this species was not seen, and other plumage details are wanting from the description as well. The last two entries are published as Pomarines in MJIB 6:74.

Parasitic Jaeger (*Stercorarius parasiticus*): One at Montrose Harbor beach, Chicago COO 20 Nov (1996.075); most likely this species, but other species of jaegers could not be safely eliminated by the description. Accepted by the Committee as "jaeger, sp?", but published as Parasitic Jaeger in MJIB 6:74.

Long-tailed Jaeger (*Stercorarius longicaudus*): One juvenile at La Salle Lake Fish Hatchery ponds LAS 17 Sep (1995.059). Review of photographs of this bird proved it to be a Parasitic Jaeger, and the Committee accepted the record as that species (see above).

California Gull (*Larus californicus*): One adult at Clinton L. DEW 25 Feb (1995.036); possibly correct, but some key field-marks were not visible at the great distance of observation, and this gull is perhaps best left unidentified. The record is published in MJIB 4:116 and in AFN 49:154. One adult at L. Shelbyville SHE 10 Nov (1996.081), at a distance of "500 yards"; many Committee members felt that a hybrid or a Lesser Black-backed Gull could not be safely eliminated by the description. Published in MJIB 6:74.

Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*): One subadult at Gillson Park, Wilmette COO 27 Nov and 3 Dec, and at Scabby/Rainbow Beach, Chicago COO 28-29 Nov (1995.041). Exhaustive descriptions and photographs were taken of this controversial bird, and the documenters are to be commended for providing thorough information, which allowed outside reviewers to assess the record with care. Nearly all reviewers agreed the bird was not a Western Gull, but rather a Great Black-backed Gull, possibly with some hybrid characters. They judged the bird's overall size, and in particular its bill size, to be too large for a Western Gull and within the range of variation for Great Black-backed.

Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*): One juvenile at Montrose Harbor beach, Chicago COO 16 Sep (1996.098). Some Committee members felt that immature Bonaparte's Gull was not eliminated by the sketchy description; overall, the description is too vague to evaluate. The record is published in MJIB 6:74.

Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*): One subadult female at Carbondale JAC 17-29 Sep (1990.020). This bird was fully documented by five capable observers, and several clear photos were taken. The written descriptions are convincing, but the photos do not support the identification; in particular, expert reviewers of the photographs maintained that the bird was diagnostically not Anna's Hummingbird, but rather appeared to be an immature male Ruby-throated Hummingbird *Archilochus colubris*. This record is published as hypothetical in Robinson 1996:180.

Violet-green Swallow (*Tachycineta thalassina*): One old record of a male of *T. t. lepida* collected in the Calumet region COO 4 May (1897.001); see Bohlen 1989:122. The fact that a subspecific determination was provided by a competent ornithologist suggests that the identification was correct; however, the specimen cannot be located and no description of any sort was included with the publication of the record in Coale 1925.

Sprague's Pipit (*Anthus spragueii*): One two miles east-northeast of Colfax McL 4 Oct (1996.082). Possibly correct, but little concrete detail is offered on shape or

proportions, and the assessment of size ("same as lark or starling") indicates a bird substantially larger than Sprague's Pipit.

Kirtland's Warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*): One at Schiller Woods FP, Schiller Park COO 12 May (1996.035). The observers had previous field experience with this species, and the identification may well have been correct, but the description provided was not sufficient to eliminate Magnolia Warbler in partially retained basic plumage. In particular, no specific mention was made of rump color, nor of the tail-wagging habit of Kirtland's Warbler.

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*): One immature at Chautauqua NWR MAS 16 May (1996.028). Documented by only one of three experienced observers. The Committee felt that the sole documentation did not rule out a first-year female Indigo Bunting.

Baird's Sparrow (*Ammodramus bairdii*): One adult female at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe COO 7 Oct (1995.044). Problems inherent in identification and, especially, in descriptions of sparrows are such that it will be difficult to add this species to the state list without a specimen or diagnostic photograph. This record was documented with care by two experienced observers, and was circulated by the Committee to two outside reviewers with extensive field experience with Baird's Sparrow. Both reviewers felt that the descriptions provided could not diagnostically exclude all plumages of Savannah Sparrow. The Committee concurred that the descriptions were not sufficiently detailed to uphold a first acceptable state record.

Brown-capped Rosy-Finch (*Leucosticte australis*): One male at Crab Orchard NWR WLM 4 May (1996.032). This record was dismissed after two rounds of voting. Descriptions were submitted by three observers, but none provide complete details (e.g., details of wing-patterning are notably cursory), nor do the descriptions agree with one another, so that even a composite of the three descriptions fails to create a convincing portrayal of this species. Some Committee members suggested the bird might have belonged to a different family altogether. Note further that Brown-capped Rosy-Finch is a short-range altitudinal migrant with no precedent for long-range vagrancy, so that an out-of-range report such as this merits impeccable documentation.

Other Unaccepted Records

(11 records of 8 species)

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*): One adult at Homer L. CHA 6 May (1995.008); said to be a male, but the reasons provided for sex determination are invalid. One of the two documentations described facial pattern briefly, but failed to note a supercilium. Both documenters referred to "long" or "very long wings"—a trait inconsistent with this species—and several Committee members felt that Northern Harrier was not adequately eliminated. The record is published in MJIB 4:149.

Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*): One on the SBC at MER 6 May (1995.019). The identification was based on voice only, and the Committee felt that the vocal description submitted could not be taken as diagnostic. This record is published in MJIB 4:152.

Winter Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*): One adult accompanied by two fledglings at Nelson L. marsh KNE 11 Jul (1995.042). The Committee (as well as the documentors) felt that the habitat was inappropriate for nesting Winter Wrens, and no description of the birds was provided. This species has yet to be confirmed as a nesting species in Illinois, although there are previous unsubstantiated reports.

Bell's Vireo (*Vireo bellii*): One at Waterfall Glen DUP 6 May (1995.020). Apparently the observers did not feel entirely confident in the identification; nor did the Committee.

Worm-eating Warbler (*Helmitheros vermivorus*): One CBC report, of a single at Bay Creek JOH 18 Dec (1995.052). The description provided does not support the identification, and is at least as consistent with Golden-crowned Kinglet as with Worm-eating Warbler.

Lark Sparrow (*Chondestes grammacus*): Six, three miles southwest of Murphysboro JAC 1 Jan (1996.001). The descriptions do not provide enough explicit detail, particularly of head pattern, to eliminate more likely species such as American Tree Sparrow. No accepted winter records of Lark Sparrow exist for the state.

Brewer's Blackbird (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*): Two males at Churchill Woods DUP 6 May (1995.022). One near Albany on border of ROC and WHS 21 Dec (1995.050). Four males at Moosehart KNE 16 Dec (1995.051); a CBC report. This species requires complete documentation for acceptable winter records in Illinois, since very few reports provide enough detail to convincingly eliminate Rusty Blackbird or even Common Grackle. The present reports are no exception.

Evening Grosbeak (*Coccothraustes vespertinus*): One male at Waterfall Glen FP DUP 15 Aug (1996.084). Three (one male, two females) at West Chicago DUP 17 Aug (1996.103). The brief details in these two documentations from nearby sites adequately rule out other naturally occurring species, but do not eliminate the possibility of exotic escapes (in particular, Hooded Grosbeak *C. abeillei*). This shortcoming is critical in light of the extraordinary dates, coupled with the fact that these were the only Evening Grosbeaks reported in the region that fall (see MJIB 6:80 and AFN 51:66). There appear to be no adequately documented fall records of this species in Illinois prior to October.

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Field Notes Heading: Semipalmated Plover. Drawing by Denis Kania.

The 1997 Fall Season

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As in 1996, late fall brought unusual hummingbirds, or, as they say, it's *deja vu*. Illinois' unofficial Emergency Hummingbird Identification Squad of Vernon Kleen, Dave Bohlen, and Myrna Deaton made two visits this year to identify unusual and late hummingbirds. In Edwardsville (Madison County), they located the first adult male **Rufous Hummingbird** (and fourth identified Rufous) for Illinois. A probable **ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD** graced a feeder in Niantic (Macon County) until November 19. Kleen, Bohlen, and Deaton netted the bird and removed and measured retrices. Subsequent observers photographed the bird, whose identity is being examined by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee.

Other unusual fall season sightings included an adult **Neotropic Cormorant** in Alexander County, a **Reddish Egret** at Chicago's Montrose Harbor (see seasonal highlights), several **Black Rails** (see seasonal highlights) in one field in Vermilion County, Illinois' first inland **Purple Sandpiper** in Winnebago County (see seasonal highlights), a **Mew Gull** in Springfield, and a cooperative **Townsend's Solitaire** at Northwestern University's landfill. Several other single-observer rarities await review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee.

Ross's and White-fronted Geese continue to appear in good numbers statewide. The Illinois River Valley hosted large numbers of American White-Pelicans. Fair numbers of Red-throated Loons, Red-necked Grebes, and Western Grebes were found. Western Grebe sightings were most numerous along the Lake Michigan shore, while Red-necked Grebes appeared downstate in good numbers in November. An excellent waterfowl movement occurred on 10 November in northeast Illinois. Waterfowl also were concentrated in the Illinois and Mississippi River Valleys. Although the concentrations of waterfowl at Lake Chautauqua were very impressive, not all news about waterfowl from there was good. A major outbreak of avian botulism killed nearly 6,000 birds there in early October. The major victim of botulism was Green-winged Teal. Others sites, such as McGinnis Slough in Cook County, had similar outbreaks but not the extent of loss.

Hawks staged an excellent movement on 14 October although it was missed by most observers due to its weekday occurrence.

Passerine migration did not elicit any special comments, except from an observer who did a three-hour, aural predawn survey. The high numbers of birds found may only reflect a normal passage, as daytime reports indicated normal amounts of sightings. Some species that appeared in above normal numbers were American Pipits, Orange-crowned Warblers, Black-throated Green Warblers, and Lincoln's Sparrows. On the other hand, usually common species such as kinglets, Nashville and Tennessee Warblers seemed scarce.

Fall held promise for a good winter for irruptive species. The first species to appear in good numbers were Red-breasted Nuthatches. By late October, a number of Pine Siskins had also arrived. Observers also reported scattered accounts of redpolls, both crossbills, and Evening Grosbeaks.

Observers reported staggering numbers of shorebirds at the traditional Illinois River spots. Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge, in particular, was teeming with shorebirds. Unfortunately, the physical characteristics of the lake (very soft silt) and high vegetation made shorebirding challenging; many birds were hidden in weeds or seen at a great distance. Nevertheless, most expected species were found, often in high numbers.

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As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad.	=	adult	pr.	=	pair	m.ob.	=	many observers
Co (s)	=	County (ies)	L	=	Lake	S.F.	=	State Forest
subad.	=	subadult	*	=	documented record	est.	=	estimated
C.A.	=	Conservation Area	N.C.	=	Nature Center	S.N.A.	=	State Natural Area
imm.	=	imm.	**	=	specimen record	S.P.	=	State Park
F.P.	=	Forest Preserve	N.P.	=	Nature Preserve	I.O.R.C.	=	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
yg.	=	young	resp.	=	respectively			
F.W.A.	=	Fish and Wildlife Area	N.W.R.	=	National Wildlife Refuge			

Carl.L	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton, Fayette, & Bond Cos)	LChau	= Lake Chautauqua N.W.R. (Mason Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanical Gardens (Glencoe, Cook Co)	LCNP	= La Salle County Nuclear Plant (La Salle Co)
Chi	= Chicago, excluding lakefront areas under LPark, GPark, or JP	LPark	= Lincoln Park (inc. the bird sanctuary, zoo, Montrose, etc., Chicago, Cook Co)
Clin.L	= Clinton Lake (De Witt Co)	LRen	= Lake Renwick (Will Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge	LShel	= Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie and Shelby Cos)
CNC	= Crab Tree Nature Center (Cook Co)	M.Arb	= Morton Arboretum (Du Page Co)
ESTL	= East St. Louis, Sauget, & vicinity (St. Clair Co)	MFWA	= Middlefork F.W.A. (Vermilion Co)
Fermi	= FermiLab at Batavia (Du Page Co)	MM	= McKee Marsh (Du Page Co)
FWMA	= Fishhook Wildlife Management Area (Moultrie Co.)	MS	= McGinnis Slough (Cook Co)
GLPSP	= Goose Lake Prairie S.P. (Grundy Co) & Heidecke L	MTNWR	= Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge, Calhoun Co
GLNTC	= Great Lakes Naval Training Center		
GPark	= Grant Park (inc. Burnham Harbor, Meigs Field, McCormick Place, & the museum campus area, Cook Co)	Palos	= Palos Forest Preserve (incl. Little Red School House, Saganashkee Slough, etc., Cook Co)
		Rend L	= Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)	RLCA	= Rice Lake C.A. (Fulton Co)
HLCA	= Horseshoe Lake C.A. (Alexander Co)	SRSF	= Sand Ridge State Forest
IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)	Sang.L	= Sangchris Lake S.P. (Sangamon and Christian Cos)
JP	= Chicago's Jackson Park & neighboring areas (Cook Co)	Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
KCP	= Kennekuk County Park (Vermilion Co)	T.Woods	= Thatcher Woods Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
KFWA	= Kaskaskia F.W.A. (Moultrie Co)	UCCA	= Union County Conservation Area
LCal	= Lake Calumet & vicinity (Cook Co)	Wauk	= Waukegan (Lake Co)

A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. EA = Earliest Arrival(s). MC = Maximum Count(s). LD = Latest Departures(s)

FIELD NOTES – Fall Migration 1997

Red-throated Loon
EA: 27-28 Oct, Decatur (RS,MD); 2 Nov, JP (PC,SC). MC: 3, Wilmette, 14 Nov (DJ). LD: 28 Nov, LPark (JPu). Others: 1 Nov, Mississippi R., IL/MO (near St. Louis) (WR); 8 Nov, Carl.L (DK,m.ob.); 9 Nov, IBSP (KM); 11 Nov, Clin.L (RC).

Pacific Loon
EA: 23-Oct - Nov 5 (ad.), **Spfld** (*DB,MD,m.ob.).

Common Loon
EA: 17 Sep, LPark (RH,JPu,KH); 14 Oct, Spfld (DB). MC: 125, Spfld, 10 Nov; 122, Clin.L, 11 Nov (RC); 72, Wilmette, 26 Oct Nov (EW). LD: 7 Dec (2), Clin.L (RC); 30 Nov, LCNP (CMc,JMc).

Pied-billed Grebe
EA: 22 Aug (3), Spfld (DB); 28 Aug, HL (KM). MC: 119, Spfld, 20 Sep (DB); 110, Stump L (Jersey Co), 28 Sep (KM); 100+, Clin.L, 11 Nov (RC); 23, Shabbona L S.P., 14 Oct (DS). To end of period.

Horned Grebe
EA: 15 Sep, O'Fallon (KM). MC: 250, Carl.L, 8 Nov (DK); 200+, Clin.L, 11 Nov (RC); 77, Highland Park, 31 Oct (EW). Some into December.

Red-necked Grebe
EA: 6-16 Nov, LPark (JPu,RH,m.ob.). LD: 27 Nov, Wilmette (fide RB). Others: 4 Nov, **Rock Cut S.P.** (Winnebago Co-1st Co record) (*BW,m.ob.); 9 Nov Montrose, Cook Co. (*EW); 7-11 Nov, **Moraine View S.P.** (McLean Co-1st Co Record) (*MR,RC,MD); 11-15 Nov, Carl.L (MD,DK); 11 Nov, Clin.L (RS,RC).

Eared Grebe
EA: 23 Aug, Decatur (MD). MC: 3 (2 basic, 1 alt.), Carl.L, 27 Aug (DK); 3, Spfld, 7 Sep (DB). LD: 11 Nov (basic), Carl.L (DK). Others: 27 Aug (imm.), Spfld (DB); 31 Oct GLNTC (EW); 2 Nov (2), Clin.L (RC).

Western Grebe
EA: 10 Oct, Wauk (EW,IM). LD: 29 Nov, Carl.L (CAl et al.); 27 Nov, JP (DM). Others: 9 Nov, Evanston (IM); 18 Nov, Wauk (SH); 19-22 Nov, Evanston-Wilmette (ASt,MD); 27 Nov, LCNP (CMc,JMc).

American White Pelican
EA: 12 July (135, summered?), Stump L (Jersey Co) (RC) - 120 still present on 24 July (KM); 6 Aug (40), LChau (VK,MB,m.ob.). MC: 3,000, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 18 Oct (HW); 535, LChau, 9 Nov (RGj,SBj); 475, Meredosia (Morgan Co), 10 Nov (MGe). LD: 5 Dec, LChau (EBj,RGj); 30 Oct-4 Nov (imm), Wauk (EW,m.ob.-photos); 18 Oct.(12), Spring L (EW) (Carroll Co).

Double-crested Cormorant
EA: 17 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 12,000, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 1,058, LChau, 5 Sep (RGj,SBj); 350, MS, 12 Aug (WS). To end of period.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT
6 Sep, Miller City (Alexander Co) (*DB,*MD et al.).

American Bittern
EA: 30 Sep, IBSP (JMl). MC: 4, IBSP, 15 Oct (EW-photo). LD: 28 Nov (2), Kidd L (Monroe Co) (DK); 4 Nov, Spfld (DB); 18 Oct, IBSP (JMl).

Least Bittern
EA: 16 Aug (resident?), LCal (JL). LD: **3 Nov**, LPark (KH) - landed on beach.

Corrigenda: Least Bittern 21 Nov 1976, Palos (American Birds 31:183) should read: 21 Oct 1976, Palos' Tampier Slough (RE).

Juvenile American White Pelican at Waukegan's northernmost breakwater, 31 October 1997. Patches of grayish brown on the wing coverts, head and neck identify this bird as a juvenile. Photo by Eric Walters.

Great Blue Heron
MC: 500, Stump L (Jersey Co), 24 July (KM); 198, LChau, 18 Sep (RGj,SBj). Through end of period.

Great Egret
EA: 13 July, Spfld (DB). MC: 1,000, Stump L, 24 Sep (KM); 402, LChau, 10 Oct (RGj,SBj); 300, MS, 1-14 Aug (WS). LD: 11 Nov, HL (KM); 27 Oct, LPark (JL).

Snowy Egret
EA: 12 July, LCal (JL); 20 July, Spfld (DB). MC: 116, HL, 13 Aug (KM); 3, LCal, 20-27 July (ASt,m.ob.). LD: 19 Sep, Spfld (DB); 13 Sep (2), Carl.L (DK). Others: 6 Aug (6), Sanganois (VK,MB); 8 Aug, LCal (CA); 9-10 Aug, Clin.L (JE,MR); 16-19 Aug, LCal (JL, m.ob.).

Little Blue Heron
EA: 15 July, Spfld (DB); 20 July, LCal (WM). MC: 300, Stump L (Jersey Co), 10 Aug (KM); 14 (imm.), LChau, 5 & 25 Sep (RGj,SBj); 5, MS, 10 Aug (ASt). LD: 18 Oct (2), Millstadt (St. Clair Co) (DK).

REDDISH EGRET
EA: 6 Sep (imm. dark morph), LPark (Montrose) (*RH,m.ob.-photos) See seasonal highlights.

Cattle Egret
EA: 16 July, Fox Ridge S.P. (BH). MC: 365, Frank Holten S.P., 28 Aug (KM). LD: 24 Sep, HL (KM).

Green Heron
MC: 12, Stump L (Jersey Co), 10 Aug (KM); 9, Spfld, 28 Aug (DB). LD: 14 Oct, JP (KC).

Black-crowned Night-Heron
EA: 21 June & 20 July, Middlefork F.P. (Champaign Co) (RC). MC: 26, Stump L (Jersey Co), 10 Aug (KM); 18, Clin.L, 5 Oct (MD). LD: 2 Dec, HL (KM); 9 Nov (imm.), LCNP (CMc,JMc).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron
LD: 27 Sep - 2 Oct, LCal (RH,EW).

Glossy Ibis
5-8 Oct (winter ad.), Carl.L (Clinton Co) (*DK) - (pending IORC review).

Tundra Swan
EA: 15 Oct (2 ad.), Starved Rock S.P. (CMc,JMc); 19 Oct (2 ad.), LCNP (CMc,JMc); 24 Oct, LChau (RGj,SBj). MC: **372**, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 10 Nov (RB); LD: 5 Dec (34, 28 ad.), LChau (EBj,RBj); 30 Nov (3 ad., 1 imm.), LCNP (CMc,JMc).

Mute Swan
MC: 35, Wolf L (Cook Co), 23 Nov (WM). Others: 9 Nov (imm.), O'Fallon (DK). Swan species: 9 Nov, Carl.L (DK).

Greater White-fronted Goose
EA: **14 Sep** (4), LChau (MD). MC: 200, Carl.L, 31 Oct (DK); 90, LChau, 30 Oct (RGj,SBj). LD: 23 Nov, Mahomet (RC). Others: 12 Oct, **Highland Park** (*RE).

Snow Goose
EA: **10 Sep** (12), Evanston (IM,EW); 25 Sep (2 white, 1 blue), LChau (RGj,SBj). MC: 4,000, Rend L, 18 Nov (MGe); 1,200 (430 white, 770 blue), 9 Nov (RGj,SBj). LD: 30 Nov (250), LCNP (CMc,JMc). Others: 9 Aug (near ad. blue phase), Champaign (RC); 31 Aug, Carl.L (KM) - both probably failed to migrate in Spring.

Juvenile Red-necked Grebe, Montrose Harbor, Cook Co. 9 November 1997. Photo by Eric Walters.

Ross's Goose
EA: 31 Oct, Sang.L (DB); 8 Nov (imm.), CBG (*CF,*DJ,m.ob.). Others: 1 Nov, Fermi (ASt); 22 Nov, Fermi (KM); 23 Nov, Fermi (blue phase-see seasonal highlights) (DK,PK); 23 Nov (2 ad.), Baldwin L (WR).

Canada Goose
MC: 25,130, Fulton Co, 26 Nov (RM). Others: 9 Aug (near albino w/dark bill & legs), Champaign (RC). Canada X Greater White-fronted Goose: 9 Nov, LCNP (CMc,JMc). "Small Race" EA: 1 Oct (3), Fermi (EW).

Wood Duck
MC: 233, LChau, 29 Aug (RGj,SBj); 150, Stump L (Jersey Co), 10 Aug (KM); 90, CNC, 20 Nov (CF). LD: 29 Nov (2 females), Spfld (DB).

Green-winged Teal
EA: 15 July (male), JP (PC,KC); 17 Aug (3), Sang.L (DB). MC: 8,523, LChau, 18 Sep (RGj,SBj). LD: 28 Nov, LChau (KM).

American Black Duck
EA: 2 Oct (2), Sang.L (DB). MC: 7,000, Goose L (Putnam Co), 1 Dec (MGe).

Mallard
MC: 199,200, LChau, 10 Nov (MGe).

Northern Pintail
EA: 25 Aug, Sang.L (DB). MC: 20,600, LChau, 27 Oct (MGe). LD (north): 20 Nov (2 males), Baker's L (Cook Co) (CF).

Blue-winged Teal
EA: 5 July (summering?), Sang.L (DB); 7 Aug (30), Decatur (MR). MC: 9,850, LChau, 3 Sep (MGe). LD: 20 Nov (2), LChau (RGj,SBj).

Northern Shoveler
EA: 21 Aug (3), Sang.L (DB); 26 Aug (8), HL (KM). MC: 2,000, LChau, 20 & 30 Oct (MGe,RGj,SBj); 2,000, Carl.L, 11 Nov (MGe). LD: 2 Dec (15), HL (KM); 30 Nov (male), LCal (WM).

Gadwall
EA: 17 Sep, JP (PC); 29 Sep (female), Spfld (DB; 14 Oct (15), HL (KM). MC: 9,160, LChau, 10 Nov (MGe).

American Wigeon
EA: 3 Sep Decatur (MR). MC: 4,500, LChau, 27 Oct (MGe).

Canvasback
EA: 14 Oct, Spfld (DB); 14 Oct, Baker's L (Cook Co) (CF). MC: 27,500, Nauvoo, 4 Nov (MGe).

Redhead
EA: 18 Aug (male), HL (DK); 27 Sep, MS (WM). MC: 1,000, Nauvoo, 4 Nov (MGe).

Ring-necked Duck
EA: 8 Sep, Palos (DSt); 2 Oct (male), Spfld (DB); 14 Oct (4), HL (KM). MC: 11,000, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 10 Nov (MGe). Other: Aug 1996-Dec 1997 (female), Wilmette (EW,photos)

Greater Scaup
EA: 1 Oct (imm male), JP (PC); 27 Oct (6), Spfld (DB); 8 Nov, HL (FH). MC: 250, IBSP, 22 Nov (KM); 250, JP, 27 Oct (KC). Others: 11 Nov (2), Carlyle (DK,MD); 20 Nov (cream-colored female), Spfld (DB). 'Scaup' MC: 9,600, Nauvoo, 4 Nov (MGe); 2,830, Wilmette, 26 Oct (EW) - mainly greater.

Lesser Scaup
EA: 11 Oct (female), Spfld (DB); 14 Oct (2), HL (KM); 14 Oct (15+), Evanston (EW). MC: 3,000, Carl.L, 15 Nov (DK).

Harlequin Duck
EA: 15-22 Nov (female), Wauk (DW,m.ob.). LD: 2 Dec (male), LPark (fide RB).

Oldsquaw
EA: 8 Nov (dead), LPark (KM); 11 Nov (male), Clin.L (RC). LD: 27 Nov - 9 Dec, Charleston (BH); 24 Nov - 6 Dec (female), Danville (JS,m.ob.). Others (downstate): 17 Nov, Spfld (KM); 22 Nov (female), Clin.L (RC).

Black Scoter
EA: 16 Oct (2), Evanston (EW,JE). MC: 5, JP, 25 Oct (DM,PC). LD: 30 Nov (2), Wilmette (MR,JE); 19 Nov, Decatur (MD). Others: 9 Nov (imm male-shot), Carl.L (DK).

Surf Scoter
EA: 14 Oct (2), Spfld (DB); 16 Oct (2), Evanston (EW,JE); 31 Oct, Carl.L (DK). MC: 22, GPark, 3 Nov (DSt). LD: 2 Dec, Charleston (RBr); 29 Nov, Wilmette (JE,EW).

White-winged Scoter
EA: 19 Oct, IBSP (ASt); 23 Oct (male), Spfld (DB). MC: 6, IBSP, 25 Oct (JMl). LD: 16-27 Nov (imm.), LCNP (CMc,JMc); 11 Nov, Charleston (RBr).

Common Goldeneye
EA: 22 Oct (9—2 males), Wilmette (EW); 10 Nov (6), Spfld (DB). MC: 5,400, Nauvoo, 1 Dec (MGe); 1,500, LCNP, 30 Nov (CMc,JMc). Others: **9 June-7 Sep**, LPark (JPu,KH,EW, m.ob.,photos).

Bufflehead
EA: 14 Oct (female), Charleston (BH); 15 Oct, (5—3 males), Wauk (EW). MC: 1,050, Nauvoo, 1 Dec (MGe); 300 Carl.L, 18 Nov (MGe); 300, LCNP, 23 Nov (CMc,JMc).

Hooded Merganser
EA: 18 Sep, Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (EW,RBa); 21 Oct (male), Spfld (DB). MC: 200, Clin.L, 23 Nov (RC); 173, Carl.L, 30 Nov (DK); 100, LCNP, 23 Nov (CMc,JMc).

Common Merganser
EA: 22 Oct (11), Wilmette (EW); 11 Nov (2 females), Clin.L (RC). MC: 3,000 (mostly female), LCNP, 30 Nov (CMc,JMc)

Red-breasted Merganser
EA: 10 Oct (female), Wauk (EW,JM); 25 Oct, HL (KM). MC: 785+, Wilmette, 10 Nov (EW).

Ruddy Duck
EA: 30 Sep (2) Spfld (DB). MC: 1,775, LChau, 9 Nov (RGj,SBj); 201, LCNP, 19 Oct (CMc,JMc).

Turkey Vulture
MC: 58, IBSP, 14 Oct (REr,RH); 51, Jersey Co, 28 Sep (KM); 50, Spfld, 21 Oct (DB). LD: 27 Nov, Spfld (DB); 16 Nov, IBSP (ASt).

Osprey
EA: 9 Aug, JP (KC et al.); 10 Aug RLCA (Big Lake) (RC). MC: 10, Clin.L, 1 Nov (MR); 8, IBSP, 4 Oct (WS,CA). LD: 1 Dec, Charleston (RBr); 10 Nov, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB).

Mississippi Kite
EA: 10 Aug, Stump L (Jersey Co) (KM). LD: 24 Sep, Carlyle (KM).

Bald Eagle
EA: 14 Aug (ad.), Decatur (MD); 7 Sep (ad., summered?), Shabbona L. S.P. (DS). MC: 31 (6 ad.), LChau, 20 Nov (RGj,SBj). Others: In addition to the previous, 12 imm., 6 ad., & 3 unspecified were reported. 2 Nov seems to have been a major flight day with widely scattered reports.

Northern Harrier
EA: 18 Aug, Carl.L (KM); 27 Aug, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JS). MC: 38, IBSP, 14 Oct (REr,RH); 19, Prairie Ridge S.N.A., 23 Oct (JW); 9, Carl.L, 2 Nov (KM).

Sharp-shinned Hawk
EA: 31 Aug, Carl.L (KM). MC: 109, IBSP, 14 Oct (REr,RH); 8, Mahomet, 30 Sep (RC).

Cooper's Hawk
EA: 16 Aug, Wadsworth (Lake Co) (JMl); 6 Sep, near Homer (Vermilion Co) (JS).

Northern Goshawk
EA: 1 Nov (ad.), Carl.L (DK); 2 Nov (imm.), Lodge (Piatt Co) (RC). Others: 18 Nov (imm.), LPark (fide RB); 23 Nov (imm.), Urbana (RC).

Red-shouldered Hawk
EA: 20 Aug (ad. - "probably nested"), Decatur (MD); 25 Aug (imm.- resident?), Rock Cut S.P. (BG); 30 Sep, Mahomet (RC). LD: 20 Nov ("may be a resident"), Barrington (CF); 8 Nov (ad.), Sang.L (DB).

Broad-winged Hawk
EA: 23 Aug, Evanston (JE); 5 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 37, Putnam Co, 20 Sep (DS); 20, Fox R (McHenry Co), 20 Sep (RBa). LD: 1 Oct, Carl.L (KM); 1 Oct, Sangamon Co (DB).

Red-tailed Hawk
EA: 18 Sep (influx), Sangamon Co (DB). MC: 180, Plank Road Meadow F.P. (Cook Co), 2 Nov (RBe); 37, Sangamon Co, 3 Nov (DB). "Harlan's": 22 Oct, IBSP (WS); 8 Nov, Car.L (DK). "Krider's": 18 Oct, Clin.L (MR); 10 Nov, Vergennes (Jackson Co) (LS); 27 Nov, Bloomington (MR); 15 Nov, Spfld (DB).

Swainson's Hawk
LD: **14 Oct** (1st yr.), **IBSP** (*RH,SH,m.ob.,ph.)

Rough-legged Hawk
EA: 30 Oct, Deer L F.P. (Lake Co) (EW); 3 Nov (2), Fithian (Vermilion Co) (JS); 3 Nov, Spfld (DB). Others (southern IL): 23-30 Nov, HL (FH).

Golden Eagle
EA: 22 Oct (imm.), Bardolph (McDonough Co); 2 Nov, Urbana (RC). LD: 17 Nov, SRSF (KM). Others: 8 Nov (imm.), Spfld (DB).

American Kestrel
MC: 15, Sangamon Co, 22 Nov (DB); 9, Madison Co, 11 Nov (KM).

Merlin
EA: 27 Aug, Cherry Valley (Winnebago Co) (BG); 4 Sep, LPark (JL); 6 Sep, UCCA (MD). MC: 62, IBSP (REr,RH); 7, IBSP, 4 Oct (CA); 5, IBSP, 11 Oct (ASt). LD: 11 Nov, LPark (JL); 7 Nov, Clin.L (MR). Others: 21 others reported.

Prairie Falcon
EA: 16 Nov, DeWitt Co (RS); 16 Nov, **Woodson** (Morgan Co) (fide DB).

Peregrine Falcon
EA: 31 July, LChau (MD); 7 Aug, LPark (JL); 17 Aug (imm. anatum), LChau (DK,RC); 31 Aug (imm.), HL (WR); 25 Sep, LChau (*RGj,SBj). MC: 9, IBSP, 4 Oct (WS,CA). LD: 30 Nov, LCal (WM); 17 Nov (ad.), near Homer (Vermilion Co) (*JS). Others: 36 Others (incl. 2 identified as tundrius race).

Gray Partridge
MC: 5, Pecatonica (Winnebago Co), 9 Aug (DW).

Ring-necked Pheasant
MC: 41, Saybrook (McLean Co), 22 Aug (MR).

Wild Turkey
MC: 5, E. Alton, 28 Sep (KM); 4, SRSF, 7 Sep (RC). Others: 18 Sep, Glacial Park (McHenry Co) (EW,RBa).

Northern Bobwhite
MC: 37, West Salem (Edwards Co), 19 Nov (JW).

Yellow Rail
LD: 18 Oct, Clin.L (RC,ASt); 7 Oct (found dead), LPark (CW).

BLACK RAIL
MC: 2, Fairmount (Vermilion Co), 14 & 15 Sep (*JS). LD: 16 Sep, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (*JS). [note: observer also had brief look at what he thought was a Black Rail on Sep 11 in Champaign Co]

Virginia Rail
EA: 27 Sep, FWMA (RC). LD: 6 Oct, GPark (DSt).

Sora
EA: 25 Aug, Sang.L (DB); 3 Sep, JP (PC). MC: 35+, FWMA, 27 Sep (RC). LD: 2 Nov, IBSP (ASt).

Common Moorhen
MC: 7 (1 ad.,6 imm), HL, 18 Aug (DK); 6, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co), 20 Sep (RBa). LD: 9 Oct, LCal (WM).

Juvenile Semipalmated Plover, Montrose Beach, Cook Co. August 1997. Photo by Robert Hughes.

American Coot
MC: **20,617**, LChau, 24 Oct (RGj,SBj); 13,850, Lock & Dam 13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Oct (EW). Others: 690, Wauk, 10 Oct (EW,IM). Huge concentrations in n. IL. To end of period.

Sandhill Crane
EA: 10 Sep (9), Buffalo Creek N.P. (Lake Co) (DJ). MC: **2,658**, Lake Villa (Lake Co), 10 Nov (RB); **2,000**, Du Page Co, 10 Nov (KFi,RFi); 1,300, Union (McHenry Co), 10 Nov (BG). Some into December.

Black-bellied Plover
EA: 28 July, RLCA (Big Lake) (RC,KR). MC: 10, LChau, 29 Aug (KM). LD: 8 Nov (3), Rockford (BG).

Lesser Golden Plover
EA: 6 Aug, LCal (JL); 16 Aug (ad.), Stump L (Jersey Co) (DK). MC: 78, LChau, 25 Sep (RGj,SBj); 75, Momence (Kankakee Co), 7 Sep (DJ). LD: 15 Nov, Homer (Champaign Co) (*JS).

Semipalmated Plover
EA: 22 July, Halsey (Union Co) (RMo); 25 July (15), MS (WS). MC: 35, Stump L (Jersey Co), 16 Aug (DK); 32, LCal, 1 Sep (WS). LD: 28 Sep, LCal (JL).

Adult Black-bellied Plover, Montrose Beach, Cook Co. Fall. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Piping Plover
EA: 22 July (ad. male), JP (PC); 2 Aug, LChau (RC); 6-9 Aug (USFWS banded), IBSP (JMl,ASt). LD: 16 Aug (different bird), IBSP (ASt).

Killdeer
MC: 614, LChau, 17 Oct (RGj,SBj). LD (north): 15 Nov, CBG (DJ).

American Avocet
EA: 19 July, LCal (JL,CA); 28 July, LChau (KR,RC). MC: 7, LChau, 2 Oct (RGj,SBj); 6, LChau, 21 Aug (VK,MB). LD: 30 Oct (2), LChau (RGj,SBj); 28 Oct, LPark (RH); 4,12, & 18 Oct (2), Carl.L (MD,WR). Others: 27 July (2), MS (WS); 10-24 Aug, LCal (WM,m.ob.); 12-18 Aug, Carl.L (DK,KM); 21 Aug, HL (LH); 6 Sep (2 ad.), Evanston (EW); 13 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 14 Oct (2), Evanston (EW).

Greater Yellowlegs
EA: 12 July, Fox Ridge S.P. (BH). MC: 200, LChau, 29 Aug (KM). LD: 16 Nov, Spfld (DB); 7 Nov, McHenry Co (RBa).

Lesser Yellowlegs
EA: 1 July, Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co) (CF); 12 July, Sauget (St. Clair Co) (RC). MC: 5,000+, LChau, 28 July (RC,KR,TP); 300, MS, 1 Aug (WS). LD: 25 Nov, Millstadt (St. Clair Co.) (TD); 13 Nov (2), LChau (RGj,SBj).

Adult Willet, Montrose Beach, Cook Co. Late Summer. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Solitary Sandpiper
EA: 4 July, Fox Ridge S.P. (BH). MC: 24, Arcola, 19 July (RC); 8, Prospect Hts., 19 Sep (CF). LD: 18 Oct, Spfld (DB); 9 Oct, Palatine (CF).

Willet
EA: 24 July, Chi (EW). MC: 6, Evanston, 27 July (IM); 3, LChau, 17 Aug (RC). LD: 27 Sep, Wauk (ASt); 25 Sep, LChau (RGj,SBj).

Spotted Sandpiper
MC: 10, Arcola, 19 July (RC). LD: 21 Oct, Spfld (DB); 19 Oct, Wauk (ASt).

Upland Sandpiper
EA: 28 July, LChau (RC). MC: 10, Decatur, 30 July (MD); 6, Boone Co, 5, 11, & 25 Aug, (BG,DW). LD: 19 Oct, HL (KM).

Whimbrel
MC: 12, LPark, 8 Aug (JL) Others: 1 Sep, LPark (KFi,RFi).

Hudsonian Godwit
EA: 11 Aug, Galesburg (ARe,PR). Others: 17 Aug (2), LChau (DK, RC).

Marbled Godwit
EA: 17 Aug, LChau (RC). LD: 30 Aug (3), LChau (MD). Others: 23 Aug, RLCA (KR,MD,RC); 24-27 Aug, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (DI,m.ob.).

Ruddy Turnstone
EA: 28 July, LChau (RC); 1 Aug, Halsey (Union Co) (RMo); 2 Aug, LCal (CA). LD: 14 Sep, LCal (ASt).

Red Knot
EA: 10 Aug, LPark (JL); 17 Aug, LChau (DK,RC). LD: 20-21 Sep, LChau (MR,KM, m.ob.). Others: 26 Aug, HL (KM). Poor showing this Fall.

Sanderling
EA: 15 July (ad.), JP (PC); 28 July (3), LChau (KR,RC,TP). MC: 47, Wauk, 27 Sep (ASt); 6, LChau, 17 Oct (RGj,SBj). LD: 9 Nov (4 imm.), JP (PC,KC); 9 Nov, Rockford (BG,DW).

Semipalmated Sandpiper
EA: 11-12 July (3), Heyworth Lagoons (McLean Co) (MF et al.). MC: 3,000, LChau, 2 Aug (RC). LD: 13 Nov (4), LChau (RGj,SBj); 1 Nov, Fermi (ASt).

Western Sandpiper
EA: 19 July, Arcola (RC). MC: 8 (1 alt. plum.), LChau, 2 Aug (RC). LD: 10 Oct, LChau (RGj,SBj).

Least Sandpiper
EA: 1 July (7), Deer Grove East F.P. (Cook Co) (CF); 4 July (15), Arcola (RC). MC: 5,000+, LChau, 28 July (KR,RC); 168, LCal, 2 Aug (JL). LD: 23 Nov (3), HL (FH); 14 Nov (2), Decatur (MD); 6 Nov (3 imm.), Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co) (EW).

White-rumped Sandpiper
EA: 2 Aug, LChau (KR, RC). LD: 25 Oct - 6 Nov (imm.), Fermi (EW,mo.b.). Others: 23 Aug, LChau (RC,m.ob.); 26 Oct, LCNP (CMc,JMc).

Baird's Sandpiper
EA: 2 Aug, LChau (MD, RC). MC: 7, LCal, 7 Aug (JL). LD: 12 Oct (imm.), LCal (Sanitation Ponds) (JMl,ASt).

Pectoral Sandpiper
EA: 12 July, Halsey (Union Co) (RMo); 19 July (11), Arcola (RC). MC: 8,500, LChau, 8-9 Aug (KR,MR,JE); 168, LCal, 2 Aug (JL). LD: 23 Nov, HL (FH); 16 Nov (2), Decatur (MD); 8 Nov, IBSP (ASt).

Purple Sandpiper
EA: 22 Nov, **Rock Cut S.P.** (Winnebago Co) (*BW, *DW,m.ob.). 1st inland IL record. See seasonal highlights.

Dunlin
EA: **24 Aug** (ad.), LCal (KFi,RFi,ASt), **31 Aug** (imm.), LCal (*RH,ASt). MC: 400, Carl.L, 2 Nov (KM); 84, Fermi, 25 Oct (EW). LD: 16-22 Nov, Rockford (BG); 6 Nov (7), Sang.L & Spfld (DB).

Stilt Sandpiper
EA: 11 July, Heyworth Lagoons (McLean Co) (MF et al.); 25 July (8), MS (WS). MC: 500+, LChau, 28 July (RC,KR,TP). LD: 8 Nov, LPark (JMl).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper
EA: 3 Aug, Homer (Champaign Co) (RC); 3 Aug, LChau (MD); 6 Aug, LPark, (JL). MC: 11, Momence (Kankakee Co), 11 Sep (MH); 6, HL, 10 Aug (KM); 3, LChau, 8 Aug (KR,MR,JE). LD: 27 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 18 Sep (2), NW McHenry Co (RBa,EW).

Ruff
EA: 20-21 Oct (Reeve), LChau (KR,RS) — still on IORC review list, so should be documented.

Short-billed Dowitcher
EA: 5 July, LCal (JL). MC: 100, LChau, 2 Aug (RC); 57, LCal, 20 July (ASt). LD: 9 Nov (16), LChau (RGj,SBj).

Long-billed Dowitcher
EA: **20 July** (ad.), LCal (ASt); 23 Aug, RLCA (KR,m.ob.). MC: 60, LChau, 12 Oct (KM). LD: 30 Oct, Deer L F.P. (Lake Co) (EW).

Common Snipe
EA: 20 Aug, Sang.L (DB); 30 Aug, Halsey (Union Co) (RMo). MC: 42, LChau, 24 Oct & 20 Nov (RGj,SBj); 21, IBSP, 4 Oct (SH). LD: 30 Nov, Fermi (ASt).

American Woodcock
EA: 10 Oct, IBSP (EW,IM). LD: 22 Nov, Wilmette (JE).

Wilson's Phalarope
EA: 28 July (3), LChau (RC,KR,TP); 3 Aug (imm), LCal (ASt). MC: 12, LChau, 21 Aug (DB,VK,MB). LD: 25 Sep (6), LChau (RGj,SBj).

Red-necked Phalarope
EA: 16 Aug (4), DeKalb (DS); 16-17 Aug, LCal (JL,KFi, RFi,m.ob.); 17 Aug (4), LChau (RC); 17 Aug, HL (FH). MC: 15, LChau, 23 Aug (KR,m.ob.). LD: 29 Aug, LChau (KM).

Red Phalarope
EA: 21 Aug,LChau (DB,VK,MB). MC: 2, LChau, 29 Aug (RGj,SBj). LD: 30 Oct, Evanston (EW); 5 Oct, Carl.L (DK). Others: 7 Sep, LChau (RC). Being seen with frequency at major shorebird concentrations.

Jaeger, sp.
All jaegers are still on the IORC review list. The following includes reports of jaegers not identified to species and undocumented jaegers reported as Parasitic, but not reported as adults. EA: 8 Oct (reported as Parasitic, no details), Winnetka (GR). LD: 23 Nov (reported as Parasitic, no details), Wauk (GR, MHo). Others: 14 Oct (imm.), JP (DM); 16 Oct (dark phase), Highland Park (DJ); 25 Oct (ad.), JP (DM,PC); 25 Oct, Wilmette (RH); 26 Oct (reported as Parasitic, no details), Wilmette (IM,JE); 2 Nov, Wilmette (JG); 10 Nov, Evanston (KM).

Adult Caspian Tern, Montrose Beach, Cook Co. Late Summer. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Parasitic Jaeger
EA: 17 Oct (dark phase ad.), Wilmette (EW,JE). LD: 2 Nov (light phase ad.), Wilmette (JE).

Pomarine Jaeger
LD: 21 Nov, **Wilmette** (*RH).

Laughing Gull
EA: 25-27 July, Carl.L (DK,KM,m.ob.); 3 Aug (ad.), LCal (WM). LD: 10-14 Oct, Danville (JMc,m.ob.). Others: 21 Aug (imm.), Spfld (DB); 27 Aug (2nd yr.), Spfld (MD); 21 Sep (imm.), Spfld (DB—all Spfld sightings may be one bird); 29 Sep (imm.), LPark (JL).

Franklin's Gull
EA: 15 July (imm.), Decatur (MD); 26 July (imm.), Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co) (DK); 29 Sep, LPark (JL). MC: 500, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 18 Oct (HW); 130, Spfld, 10 Oct (DB); 80, Carl.L, 1 Oct (KM); 3, Evanston, 6 Oct (EW). LD: 31 Oct, Evanston (EW); 30 Oct (6), LChau (RGj,SBj).

Little Gull
EA: 2 Oct (ad.), LPark (EW); 11 Oct (ad.), Clin.L (RC).

Bonaparte's Gull
EA: 4 July, Spfld (MR); 4 Aug, Decatur (MD); 16 Aug (3 imm.), Clin.L (RC). MC: 1,000+, Rend L, 27 Nov (LS); 600, Spfld, 15 Nov (KM); 400, Carl.L, 15 Nov (DK).

MEW GULL
10 Nov, Spfld (*DB).

Ring-billed Gull
- MC: 6,000, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 5,800, LChau, 2 Oct (RGj,SBj); 5,000, Spfld, 30 Nov (DB); 2,200, GPark, 20 Sep (DWi).

Herring Gull
EA: 22 Aug (12), Spfld (DB); 29 Aug (60), LChau (RGj,SBj); 29 Aug, RLCA (KM); 7 Sep (ad.), Carl.L (DK). MC: 900, LCal, 30 Nov (WM); 800, LChau, 2 Oct (RGj,SBj).

Thayer's Gull
EA: 31 Oct (2), Wauk (EW—photo). Others: 2 Nov (ad.), JP (PC); 16 Nov, LCal (WM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull
EA: 28 Sep-5 Oct (ad.), Clin.L (RS,RC,MD). MC: 2 (ad. & subad.), Spfld, 24 Nov (DB). Others: 1 Nov (ad.), JP (PC); 9 Nov (ad.), Spfld (DB); 11 Nov - 6 Dec (ad.), Carl.L (DK); 16 Nov (ad.), **Durand** (Winnebago Co—1st Co. record) (BG).

Great Black-backed Gull
EA: 13 Sep - 8 Nov (ad.), Wauk (ASt,JMl). MC: 2 (ad.), Evanston), 29 Nov (JE, MR). Others (inland): 18 Nov-into Dec, Sterling/Rock Falls (DW,m.ob.).

Black-legged Kittiwake
EA: 26 Oct (imm.), Wilmette (IM,RH,m.ob.). LD: 22 Nov (imm.), Clin.L (RC). Others: 10 Nov (imm.), Wilmette (KM); 14 Nov (imm.), Wilmette (DJ).

Sabine's Gull
EA: 19 Aug (imm.), Decatur (MD); 13 Sep (2 imm.), Carl.L (DK). MC: 5 (imm.), Carl.L, 5 Oct (DK). LD: 16 Oct (imm.), Evanston (EW,JE); 14 Oct (imm.), Carl.L (DK); 10 Oct (ad.), HL (KM). Others: 21-24 Sep, Spfld (DB,MD); 27 Sep (imm.), LShel (RC); 13 Oct (imm.), LPark (Montrose) (RP).

Caspian Tern
EA: 25 June, Spfld (DB); 9 July, Evanston (EW). MC: 150 (134 ad.), Evanston, 20 Aug (EW). LD: 10 Oct, Danville (CMc,JMc); 5 Oct (ad & imm.), Rockford (BG).

Common Tern
EA: 24 Aug (1 imm., 2 ad.), Pecatonica (Winnebago Co) (BG); 24 Aug (ad.), Spfld (DB). MC: 17, LPark, 19 Oct (JL). LD: 5 Nov (imm.), Spfld (DB); 19 Oct, LPark (JL,see MC above) & Wauk (ASt).

Forster's Tern
EA: 22 June, HL (KM); 17 July (3 ad.), Evanston (EW). MC: 20, Spfld, 10 Oct (DB); 15, LPark, 14 Oct (JL). LD: 4 Nov, Decatur (MD); 17 Oct, Wilmette (EW,JE). 'Forster's/Common Tern' LD: 17 Nov, JP (SC).

Least Tern
MC: 6, Fountain Bluff (Jackson Co), 6 Sep (MD); 3, (imm.), Sang.L , 17 Aug (DB). Others: 17 Aug, LChau (DK,RC); 17 Aug (2 ad., 1 imm.) (3), HL (FH). LD: **12 Oct** (2), HL (FH).

Black Tern
EA: 22 June, HL (KM); 4 July, FWMA (RC). MC: 25, MS, 16 Aug (EW); 16, Spfld, 17 Aug (DB); 12, Carl.L, 15 Sep (KM). Low numbers this Fall.

Rock Dove
MC: 44, JP, 5 Oct (PC).

Mourning Dove
MC: 300, near Homer (Vermilion Co), 23 Nov (JS); 120, O'Fallon, 23 Nov (KM). Others: 19 Oct (almost complete albino), Spfld (DB).

Eurasian Collared Dove
12-13 Oct (2), Carl.L (Clinton Co) (DK et al.).

Black-billed Cuckoo
EA: 17 Aug, LPark (JL); 19 Aug, Sang.L (DB). LD: 10 Oct (imm.), IBSP (EW,IM). - Few seen this fall.

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
MC: 8, Spfld, 29 Aug (DB). LD: 3 Oct, Spfld (DB); 17 Sep, LPark (WS,EW). Others: 31 Aug (1, carrying food) Matthieson S.P. (CMe,JMe).

Adult Rufous Hummingbird. Just west of Edwardsville in Madison Co., 8 November 1997. Photo by Dennis Oehmke.

BARN OWL
2 active nest sites destroyed, Pulaski Co (DK).

Eastern Screech Owl
MC: 4, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK).

Great Horned Owl
MC: 3, near Homer (Vermilion Co), 21 Nov (JS); 3, O'Fallon, 1 Sep (KM). Others: 17 Oct, Wilmette (EW,JE); 18 Nov, Wilmette (EW).

Snowy Owl
EA: 17 Dec, LPark (JPu).

Barred Owl
MC: 2, Spfld, 24 Sep & 5 Oct (DB).

Long-eared Owl
EA: 11 Nov, Carl.L (MD,DK). MC: 3, Homer L (Champaign Co), 22 Nov (JW).

Short-eared Owl
EA: 4 Oct, Evanston (EW). LD: 11 Nov, Evanston (KFi,RFi).

Northern Saw-whet Owl
EA: **1 Oct**, LPark (EW,RH,m.ob.,photos). Others: 9 Nov (found dead), Palos (RHe).

Common Nighthawk
EA: 14 Aug, Du Page Co (KFi,RFi); 17 Aug (influx), Urbana (RC); 17 Aug (influx) Spfld (DB). MC: 302, Spfld, 27 Aug (VK); 225, Palatine, 1 Sep (CF); 185, St. Clair Co., 9 Sep (KM). LD: 5 Oct (2), Spfld (DB); 13 Oct (5), Granite City (FH).

Chimney Swift
MC: 250, HL, 24 Sep (KM); 219, JP, 10 Sep (PC); 200, Spfld, 19 Sep (DB). LD: 16 Oct, O'Fallon (KM); 15 Oct (2), Buckhart (Sangamon Co) (DB).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird
EA: 10 Aug, O'Fallon (KM). MC: 7, Carl.L, 31 Aug (KM); 6, Spfld, 4 Sep (DB). LD: 16 Oct, West Frankfort (LS); 30 Sep, GPark (DSt).

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD
7 Nov - end of period, Edwardsville (VK,DB,*MD,m.ob.).

***Selasphorus* species, (probable ALLEN'S HUMMINGBIRD)**
16-19 Nov, Niantic (Macon Co) (*DB,*MD,m.ob.—photos,retrices taken) Pending review by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee.

Belted Kingfisher
EA: 20 Sep (2), Evanston (EW). MC: 4, Spfld, 10 Sep, 24 Oct, & 9 Nov (DB).

Red-headed Woodpecker
EA: 4 Sep (2), JP (PC et al.). MC: 13, Table Grove (Fulton Co), 21 Sep (KM).

Red-bellied Woodpecker
MC: 22, Spfld, 9 Nov (DB); 9, T.Woods, 18 Oct (DSt).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
EA: 20 Sep, LPark (KM); 20 Sep, JP (KC); 20 Sep (imm.), Spfld (DB); 28 Sep, Pere Marquette S.P. (KM). MC: 10, GPark, 10 Oct (DSt).

Downy Woodpecker
MC: 14, Spfld, 9 Nov (DB); 10, T.Woods, 13 Sep (DSt).

Hairy Woodpecker
MC: 7, Spfld, 9 & 29 Nov (DB).

Northern Flicker
MC: 28, Spfld, 28 Sep & 27 Nov (DB); 19, JP, 22 Sep (PC); 12 Carl.L, 8 Oct (KM). LD (north): 30 Nov, LCNP (CMe,JMe).

Pileated Woodpecker
MC: 4, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM). Others: 1-18 Nov (resident), Palos (Columbia Woods F.P.) (CT,m.ob.).

Olive-sided Flycatcher
EA: 13 Aug, JP (PC); 23 Aug, McLean (McLean Co) (RC); 23 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 4, central Champaign Co (Urbana & Homer L), 6 Sep (RC). LD: 1 Oct, JP (KC,DA).

Eastern Wood-Pewee
MC: 19, Spfld, 24 Aug (DB); 12, Carl.L, 18 Aug (KM); 7, Mitchell's Grove (La Salle Co), 7 Sep (CMe,JMe). LD: 12 Oct (2), LPark (JE).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher
EA: 18 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 8, Spfld, 26 Aug (DB). LD: 21 Sep, LPark (JL).

Acadian Flycatcher
LD: 19 Sep Pere Marquette S.P. (KM).

Alder Flycatcher
EA: 22 Aug, Sang.L (DB). MC: 4, Spfld, 26 Aug (DB). LD: 13 Sep, Urbana (RC).

Willow Flycatcher
LD: 22 Aug, Sang.L (DB)—only report this Fall. 'Willow/ Alder Flycatcher' EA: 8 Aug, JP (KC). LD: 26 Sep, GPark (DSt).

Least Flycatcher
EA: 23 July, JP (PC); 20 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 7, Spfld, 5 Sep (DB); 5, JP, 4 Sep (PC,DM). LD: 4 Oct Carl.L (DK); 28 Sep (4), Spfld (DB); 20 Sep (2), Evanston (EW).

Eastern Phoebe
EA: 11 Sep, JP (WS,SF). MC: 6, Spfld, 20 Sep & 13 Oct (DB); 4, IBSP, 10 Oct (EW,IM). LD: 3 Dec, Chi (DSt).

Great-crested Flycatcher
MC: 8, Spfld, 26 Aug LD: 28 Sep, Starved Rock S.P. (CMc,JMc).

Western Kingbird
EA: 8 Aug, LPark (JL). LD: 13 Aug, St. Clair Co (KM).

Eastern Kingbird
MC: 33, Spfld, 1 Sep (DB). LD: 21 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 21 Sep (5), Spfld (DB).

Horned Lark
MC: 500, Colfax (McLean Co), 22 Aug (MR); 425, Clin.L, 15 Nov (KM); 135, NW McHenry Co, 18 Sep (EW,RBa).

Purple Martin
EA: 10 July (12), Evanston (EW). MC: 1,500+, LPark, 17 Aug (JL). LD: 25 Sep (female), Spfld (DB).

Tree Swallow
MC: 40,000, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 20,000+, LChau, 7 Sep (RC). LD: 9 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 6 Nov, Clin.L (MD).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
MC: 500, LChau, 6 Aug (VK,MB); 450, Stump L (Jersey Co), 13 Aug (KM). LD: 16 Aug, LPark (JL). LD: 23 Oct, Spfld (DB).

Bank Swallow
EA: 10 July (4), Evanston (EW); 26 July (50), Chain-of-Rocks (Madison Co) (KM). MC: 156, IBSP, 11 July (EW). LD: 10 Oct, Sang.L (DB).

Cliff Swallow
EA: 7 Aug, Evanston (EW); 29 Aug (150), Mason Co (KM). MC: 200+, IBSP, 6 Sep (JMl); 50, Spfld, 24 Aug (DB). LD: 24 Sep Spfld (DB).

Barn Swallow
MC: 5,000, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 127, JP, 23 Aug (PC). LD: 19 Oct (3), Little Swan L (Warren Co) (LH); 19 Oct (2), Clin.L (KM); 18 Oct (10), Big Slough (Carroll Co) (EW).

Blue Jay
EA: 2 Sep (14), Evanston (EW). MC: 250, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 150, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM).

Fish Crow
13 Aug, St. Clair Co (KM).

American Crow
MC: 5,000, Bloomington, 22 Nov (MR).

Black-capped Chickadee
EA: 1 Oct (2), LPark (EW). MC: 32, Spfld, 9 Nov (DB); 26, IBSP, 10 Oct (EW,IM).

Carolina Chickadee
MC: 15, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM); 6, Urbana, 6 Sep (RC).

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 22, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM); 4, Palos, 30 Nov (WS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
EA: 6 Aug, LPark (JL); 6 Aug, GPark (FSt); 26 Aug, Ottawa (CMc,JMc); 29 Aug, near Homer (Vermilion Co) (JS); 30 Aug, O'Fallon (KM). MC: 35, SRSF, 28 Nov (KM); 20+, Palos, 10-15 Sep (WS).

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 9, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM); 9, Spfld, 20 Sep & 29 Nov (DB).

Brown Creeper
EA: 27 Aug (resident?), Palos (Swallow Cliff) (DSt); 12 Sep, GPark (DSt); 28 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 15, GPark, 1 Oct (DSt); 8, Spfld, 25 Nov (DB). LD (north): 16 Nov, Evanston (m.ob.,RC).

Carolina Wren
MC: 15, Spfld, 30 Nov (DB). Others: 20 Aug., NE Chi (EW). Into winter.

House Wren
MC: 21, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB). LD: **27 Nov**, Urbana (DR); 16 Oct, JP (PC).

Winter Wren
EA: 20 Sep, JP (PC); 27 Sep, Decatur (MD). MC: 16, GPark, 1 Oct (DSt); 5, Spfld, 13 & 14 Oct (DB). **LD (north):** 6 Nov, (PC).

Sedge Wren
EA: 27 July, Carl.L (KM). MC: 6, LPark, 8 Oct (EW); 5, Carl.L, 18 Aug (KM). LD: 27 Nov, Rend L (LS); 1 Nov, LPark (ASt).

Marsh Wren
EA: 24 Aug (resident?), Clin.L (MR); 20 Sep, LPark (KM), 27 Sep, FWMA (RC). MC: 5, Carl.L, 8 Oct (KM); 5, GPark, 6 Oct (DSt). LD: 11 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 6 Nov, JP (PC).

Golden-crowned Kinglet
EA: 21 Sep, LPark (RC); 28 Sep, Pere Marquette S.P. (KM). MC: 100, LPark, 9 Oct (JL); 100, GPark, 1 Oct (DSt); 30, Urbana, 12 Oct (RC). LD (north): 30 Nov, Oswego (Kendall Co) (DS).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet
EA: 6 Sep, Urbana (RC). MC: 48, Spfld, 13 Oct (DB); 24, GPark, 12 Oct (DSt); 10, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK). LD: **7 Dec**, JP (PC).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
EA: 19 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 4, Carl.L, 31 Aug (KM); 4, Spfld, 29 Aug (DB). LD: 29 Sep, Carl.L (KM); 27 Sep, LPark (DSt).

Eastern Bluebird
MC: 40, Clin.L, 16 Oct (MR); 15 (1 imm.), Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 18 Sep (EW,RBa). LD (north): 16 Nov, Starved Rock S.P. (CMc,JMc).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE
10-19 Nov, Evanston (*EW,*m.ob.,photos,video). 18th state record.

Veery
EA: 26 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: **440+** (predawn survey, by call

notes, passing a fixed point), NE Chi, 10 Sep (EW); 6, Spfld, 5 Sep (DB). LD: 26 Sep, GPark (DSt).

Gray-cheeked Thrush
EA: 3 Sep, Spfld (DB); 6 Sep, Carl.L (KM). MC: **130+**, (predawn survey, by call notes, passing a fixed point), Evanston, 10 Sep (EW); 17, GPark, 12 Sep (DSt). LD: 8 Oct, JP (KC).

Swainson's Thrush
EA: 22 Aug, Spfld. (DB). MC: **1,800+** (predawn survey, by call notes, passing a fixed point). NE Chi, 10 Sep (EW); 65, GPark, 10 Sep (DSt); 60, Urbana, 6 Sep (RC). LD: 14 Oct, JP (PC).

Hermit Thrush
EA: 11 Sep, JP (PC); 1 Oct (2), Spfld (DB); 4 Oct, Carl.L (DK). MC: 107, JP, 10 Oct (PC); 10, Spfld, 10 Oct (DB). LD (north): 7 Dec, JP (DM).

Wood Thrush
EA: 18 Sep, JP (KC,PC). MC: 4, Urbana, 20 Sep (RC). LD: 7 Oct, CNC (CF); 7 Oct, Evanston (EW); 7 Oct, LPark (JPu); 6 Oct (2), Spfld (DB).

American Robin
MC: 350, Sang.L, 27 Oct (KM).

Gray Catbird
MC: 50, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 23, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB). LD: 23 Nov, Lyons Woods F.P. (Lake Co) (ASt,SH).

Northern Mockingbird
MC: 6, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 11 Oct (DSt); 4, Spfld, 25 Aug (DB). LD (north): 12 Nov, Bushnell (McDonough Co) (LH). Others (north): 19 Oct, Merritt Prairie F.P. (DeKalb Co) (DS).

Brown Thrasher
EA: 20 Aug, Evanston (EW); 4 Sep, JP (PC). MC: 14, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB); 10, Carl.L , 27 Sep (DK). LD: 14 Nov, Spfld (DB).

American Pipit
EA: 7 Sep, LPark (JL); 25 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 43, Deer L F.P. (Lake Co), 30 Oct (EW). LD: **18 Nov** (7), Homer (Champaign Co) (JS); **16 Nov** (14), LCNP (CMc,JMc); **16 Nov** (3), IBSP (ASt).

Cedar Waxwing
EA: 30 July, Evanston (EW). MC: 500, Clin.L, 7 Nov (MR); 239, JP, 1 Nov (PC,KC); 210, Evanston, 20 Aug (EW).

Northern Shrike
EA: 1 Nov, LPark (ASt). Others: 9 Nov, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB).

Loggerhead Shrike
LD: 13 Nov, Spfld (DB).

European Starling
MC: 4,750 (roost), LCal, 21 Oct (WM).

White-eyed Vireo
MC: 3, Sang.L, 31 Aug & 8 Sep (DB). LD: 10 Oct, Sang.L (DB).

Bell's Vireo
MC: 3, Sang.L, 4 & 7 Sep (DB). LD: 11 Sep, Sang.L (DB); 25 Aug, Rockford (DW).

Blue-headed Vireo
EA: 4 Sep, JP (KC); 20 Sep, Urbana (RC); 20 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 4, Spfld, 14 Oct (DB). LD: 3 Nov, Spfld (DB); 1 Nov, JP (PC).

Yellow-throated Vireo
EA: 31 Aug, Palos (CA); 31 Aug, Carl.L (KM). MC: 4, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB). LD: 27 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 18 Sep, SW McHenry Co (EW,RBa).

Warbling Vireo
MC: 7, Carl.L, 13 Sep (KM); 5, JP, 7 Sep (PC,SC). LD: 28 Sep, Spfld (DB); 22 Sep, JP (KC).

Philadelphia Vireo
EA: 30 Aug (2), JP (KC); 4 Sep, Spfld (DB); 6 Sep, Carl.L (KM). MC: 6, T.Woods, 13 Sep (DSt); 5, Spfld, 22 Sep (DB). LD: 1 Oct M.Arb (EW); 1 Oct, Sang.L (DB).

Red-eyed Vireo
EA: 19 Aug (influx), Urbana (RC). MC: 34, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB). LD: 18 Oct, Spfld (DB); 14 Oct, JP (PC).

Blue-winged Warbler
EA: 24 Aug Spfld (DB). MC: 3, Spfld, 12 Sep (DB). LD: **13 Nov**, Spfld (*DB).

Golden-winged Warbler
EA: 26 Aug (female), Spfld (DB); 7 Sep, LPark (JL). MC: 6 (2 males), Spfld, 22 Sep (DB); 4, T.Woods, 14 Sep (DSt); 4, JP, 19 Sep (PC,KC). LD: 26 Sep, Spfld (DB); 23 Sep (male), JP (PC). Hybrids: "Brewster's Warbler": 6 Sep, Urbana (RC); 22 Sep (female), Sang.L (DB).

Tennessee Warbler
EA: 17 Aug, LPark (JL); 24 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 30, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 20, Urbana, 6 Sep (RC); 16, GPark, 10 Sep (DSt). LD: 25 Oct (female or imm.), Fermi (EW); 22 Oct, Spfld (DB).

Orange-crowned Warbler
EA: 14 Sep, JP (PC,SC); 26 Sep (imm.), Spfld (DB); 26 Sep, GPark (DSt). MC: 14, Spfld, 17 Oct (DB); 8, Urbana, 19 Oct (RC); 7, T.Woods, 12 Oct (DSt); 6, Carl.L, 19 Oct (DK). LD: 25 Nov (imm.), Spfld (DB); 4 Nov, Palatine (CF).

Nashville Warbler
EA: 26 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 7, Spfld, 23 & 26 Sep (DB); 5, JP, 24 Sep (KC); 4, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM). LD: 2 Nov, Lockport (CA). Scarce this Fall.

Northern Parula
EA: 19 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 6, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM). LD: 9 Oct (female or imm.), Evanston (EW); 9 Oct, Spfld (DB); 5 Oct, Pere Marquette S.P. (KM).

Yellow Warbler
EA: 30 July, Evanston (EW). LD: 14 Sep, LPark (JL); 14 Sep, JP (PC).

Chestnut-sided Warbler
EA: 19 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 15, Spfld, 28 & 29 Aug (DB); 12, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM). LD: 7 Oct, Spfld (DB); 5 Oct, T.Woods (DSt).

Magnolia Warbler
EA: 23 Aug, Zander Woods F.P. (Cook Co) (WM); 23 Aug, LPark (JL); 26 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 30, T.Woods, 13 Sep (DSt); 25, Urbana, 6 Sep (RC). LD: 9 Oct (2 female or imm.), Evanston (EW); 9 Oct, JP (KC,PC); 9 Oct, Spfld (DB).

Cape May Warbler
EA: 23 Aug, LPark (JL); 29 Aug (imm.), Spfld (DB). MC: 33, GPark, 12 Sep (DSt). LD: 29 Oct, GPark (DSt).

Black-throated Blue Warbler
EA: 1 Sep (male), Mahomet (RC). MC: 5, T.Woods, 14 Sep (DSt); 4 (3 female), Urbana, 4 Oct (RC,AR). LD: 1 Nov, Evanston (JP); 8 Oct (male), Sang.L (DB).

Yellow-rumped Warbler
EA: 10 Sep (2), GPark (DSt); 22 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 265+, Evanston, 3 Oct (EW); 150+, Urbana, 19 Oct (RC); 80, Carl.L, 14 Oct (KM). Into December.

Townsend's Solitaire at Northwestern University landfill, Evanston, IL, Cook County, 13 November 1996. This is Illinois' 18th record and the first in Cook County in 12 years. Photo by Eric Walters.

Black-throated Green Warbler
EA: 23 Aug, LPark (JL); 7 Sep, LChau & SRSF (RC); 13 Sep (6), Carl.L (KM). MC: **100+** (all within 5 acre site), Urbana, 4 Oct (RC); 17, T.Woods, 14 Sep (DSt). LD: 19 Oct (5), Urbana (RC); 19 Oct (2), Carl.L (DK); 12 Oct (imm.), T.Woods (DSt).

Blackburnian Warbler
EA: 22 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 4, Pere Marquette S.P., 28 Sep (KM); 4, Spfld, 26 & 29 Aug & 26 Sep (DB). LD: 8 Oct (3), Spfld (DB).

Yellow-throated Warbler
LD: 28 Sep, Pere Marquette S.P. (KM); 23 Sep, Spfld (DB).

Pine Warbler
EA: 30 Aug, Evanston (JE); 7 Sep (possible residents), SRSF (RC). MC: 3, Urbana, 4 Oct (RC). LD: 8-9 Nov, CBG (*DJ). Others: 10 Sep (imm.), GPark (DSt).

Prairie Warbler
LD: 6 Sep, Union Co (DK et al.).

Palm Warbler
EA: 6 Sep, LPark (JL); 7 Sep, T.Woods (DSt); 7 Sep, JP (PC,SC); 20 Sep (probable yellow race), Spfld (DB). MC: 285, GPark, 20 Sep (DWi); 200+, LPark, 21 Sep (RC,m.ob.). LD: 22 Nov, Urbana (DR); 11 Nov, Evanston (EW). Others: 24 Sep (probable yellow race), Colfax (MR).

Bay-breasted Warbler
EA: 29 Aug (2), Spfld (DB); 31 Aug, Carl.L (KM). MC: 12, T.Woods, 14 Sep (DSt); 9, Spfld, 26 Sep (DB). LD: 7 Oct, Spfld (DB).

Blackpoll Warbler
EA: 6 Aug (3), LPark (JL); 19 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: "Hundreds", NEChi, 10 Sep (EW); 34, T.Woods, 14 Sep (DSt). LD: 12 Oct (2), JP (SC). "Dendroica species" MC: **1,600+** (predawn survey, by call notes, passing a fixed point - vast majority thought to be Blackpolls), NE Chi, 10 Sep (EW).

Cerulean Warbler
LD: 16 Aug, Wadsworth (Lake Co) (JMl).

Black-and-white Warbler
EA: 24 Aug (female), Spfld (DB). MC: 9, Spfld, 3 & 8 Sep (DB); 9, JP (PC). LD: 9 Oct (female or imm.), Evanston (EW).

American Redstart
EA: 14 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 48, T.Woods, 13 Sep (DSt); 45, Urbana, 6 Sep (RC). LD: 19 Oct, Carl.L (DK); 14 Oct, JP (KC).

Prothonotary Warbler
LD: 29 Aug, Spfld (DB).

Ovenbird
EA: 19 Aug, Urbana (RC). MC: 21, JP, 19 Sep (PC); 13, Spfld, 12 & 22 Sep (DB). **LD:** 20 Oct, JP (PC).

Northern Waterthrush
EA: 16 Aug, LPark (JL); 17 Aug, LChau (RC). MC: 28, JP, 19 Sep (PC,SC). LD: 20 Oct, Lyons Woods F.P. (Lake Co) (ASt).

Louisiana Waterthrush
LD: 23 Aug, LPark (JL).

Kentucky Warbler
LD: 12 Sep (imm.), Spfld (DB).

Connecticut Warbler
EA: 4 Sep, LPark (JL); 4 Sep (2), JP (PC); 10 Sep, Urbana (RC). MC: 3, JP, 10 Sep (PC). LD: 26 Sep, Spfld (DB); 24 Sep, JP (KC).

Mourning Warbler
EA: 21 Aug (imm.), Spfld (DB); 23 Aug, LPark (JL). LD: 9 Oct (female), Evanston (EW).

Common Yellowthroat
EA: 2 Oct (2), Rainbow Park (Cook Co) (EW). MC: 70, GPark, 20 Sep (DWi); 13, Spfld, 21 Sep (DB). LD: 9 Nov (male), Spfld (DB); 16 Oct (imm. male), JP (PC).

Hooded Warbler
LD: 5 Sep (male), Palos (WS).

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 22 Aug (male), JP (PC); 26 Aug (female), Spfld (DB). MC: 8, JP, 14 Sep (PC); 3, Spfld, 4,8,9,& 21 Sep (DB). LD: **25 Nov** (possibly western race), Spfld (DB); 27 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 9 Oct, JP (PC,KC).

Canada Warbler
EA: 22 Aug, Spfld (DB). MC: 6, Spfld, 26 Aug (DB); 4, JP, 18 Sep (PC). LD: 21 Sep, Sang.L (DB); 20 Sep, JP (KC).

Yellow-breasted Chat
LD: 22 Sep, Sang.L (DB).

Summer Tanager
LD: 17 Sep (male), Spfld (DB) — only report this fall.

Scarlet Tanager
EA: 21 Sep (female), LPark (JL). MC: 4, Spfld, 22 Sep (DB); 3, T.Woods, 13 Sep (DSt). LD: 10 Oct, Spfld (DB); 6 Oct, GPark (DSt); 6 Oct (male), JP (KC).

Northern Cardinal
MC: 25, Spfld, 5 & 12 Sep (DB); 25, T.Woods F.P (Cook Co), 12 Oct (DSt).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
EA: 27 Aug, Winnetka (EW); 31 Aug (2), Carl.L (KM). MC: 100+, Urbana, 20 Sep (RC); 27, T.Woods, 28 Sep (DSt). LD: 1 Dec (male), Charleston (BH); 6 Nov, Urbana (ER) — both feeder birds.

Blue Grosbeak
MC: 4 (pr. w/2 imm.), Clin.L, 9 Aug (MD). LD: 10 Sep, Fairmount (Vermilion Co) (JS).

Indigo Bunting
EA: 4 Sep (female), JP (DM). MC: 50, Clin.L, 10 Aug (MR,JE). LD: 9 Nov, IBSP (KM).

Dickcissel
LD: 23 Oct (4), Prairie Ridge S.N.A. (Jasper Co) (JW).

Henslow's Sparrow, Montrose Beach, Cook Co. 7 October 1997. Photo by Robert Hughes.

LeConte's Sparrow, Montrose Harbor, Cook Co. 7 October 1997. Photo by Robert Hughes.

Clay-colored Sparrow
EA: 4 Sep, LPark (JL); 5 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 3, GPark (DWi). LD: 31 Oct, GPark (DSt); 5 Oct, Urbana (RC).

Field Sparrow
EA: 23 Sep (3), JP (KC). MC: 18, Spfld, 30 Oct (DB). LD: 28 Nov (2), Spfld (DB); 19 Nov (2), GPark (DSt).

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 30, Putnam Co, 20 Sep (DS). LD: 30 Nov, near Homer (Vermilion Co) (JS).

Lark Sparrow
MC: 20, SRSF, 9 Aug (MR,JE).

Savannah Sparrow
EA: 3 Sep (3), JP (PC); 9 Sep, Berry (Sangamon Co) (DB); 12 Sep, Evanston (EW). MC: 43, Sangamon Co, 15 Oct (DB); 32, Carl.L, 8 Oct (KM); 22, LCNP, 19 Oct (CMc,JMc). LD (north): 19 Nov, GPark (DSt).

Grasshopper Sparrow
EA: 7 Sep (imm.), JP (PC,SC). LD: 2 Nov, Carl.L (KM).

Henslow's Sparrow
LD: 7-8 Oct, LPark (RH,m.ob.)

Le Conte's Sparrow
EA: 4 Oct, Urbana (RC); 4 Oct (2), LPark (JL). MC: 3, Clin.L, 16 Oct (MR); 3, LPark, 7 Oct (RH). LD: 11 Nov, Carl.L (DK); 1 Nov, LPark (ASt).

Nelson's Sharp-tailed Sparrow
EA: 17 Sep, GPark (DSt); 27 Sep, FWMA (RC). MC: 7, Carl.L, 27 Sep (DK); 5, GPark, 6 Oct (DSt). LD: 10 Oct (5), IBSP (EW,JM); 10 Oct (2), GPark (DSt); 4 Oct (4), Carl.L (KM,MD).

Fox Sparrow
EA: 25 Sep (2), LPark (JM); 11 Oct, Clin.L (RC). MC: 36, GPark, 6 Oct (DSt); 30, Spfld, 9 Nov (DB). LD (north): 25 Nov, Rockford (DW).

Song Sparrow
EA: 3 Sep, JP (PC). MC: 36, Carl.L, 2 Nov (KM); 15, JP, 1 Nov (PC).

Eastern Towhee
EA: 1 Oct, GPark (DSt). MC: 10, Spfld, 16 Oct (DB); 10, Carl.L, 1 Oct (KM). LD: 30 Nov, Spfld (DB).

Spotted Towhee
8 Nov, **Spfld** (DB—spotting seen well at close distance).

American Tree Sparrow
EA: 2 Oct, GPark (DSt); 1 Nov, Rochester (Sangamon Co) (DB). MC: 300, Urbana, 23 Nov (RC); 300, LCNP, 16 Nov (CMc,JMc).

Chipping Sparrow
MC: 60, Urbana, 6 Nov (DR,TR); 30+, Woodstock, 29 Sep (RBa). LD: 7 Dec, Urbana (DR,TR); 4 Nov (2), JP (KC).

Lincoln's Sparrow
EA: 4 Sep (3), JP (PC et al.). MC: **72**, GPark, 6 Oct (DSt); 20, FWMA, 27 Sep (RC); 20, Carl.L, 18 Oct (MD). LD: 3 Nov, GPark (DSt).

Swamp Sparrow
EA: 5 Sep, Wilmette (JE); 27 Sep (30), FWMA (RC); 27 Sep (3), Carl.L (DK); 28 Sep (2), Jersey Co (KM). MC: **305**, GPark, 6 Oct (DSt); 43, Carl.L, 8 Oct (KM).

White-throated Sparrow
EA: 3 Sep, JP (PC); 14 Sep, Urbana (RC). MC: 1,000+, Urbana, 12 Oct (RC); 700+, GPark, 1 Oct (DSt). LD (north): 16 Nov, Evanston (RC).

White-crowned Sparrow
EA: 3 Sep, GPark (DSt); 27 Sep, FWMA (RC); 27 Sep, Charleston (RBr). MC: 195, LPark, 1 Oct (DSt); 45, West Salem (Edwards Co), 19 Nov (JW); 40, Urbana, 23 Nov (RC); 40, Carl.L, 2 Nov (KM).

Harris' Sparrow
EA: 11 Oct, Clin.L (RC). LD: 6 Dec (imm.), Urbana (RC). Others: 25 Oct, Prairie Wolf Slough (Lake Co) (JS); 25 Oct - 1 Nov (imm.), LPark (Montrose) (KFi,RFi,ASt,m.ob); 1 Nov (imm., different bird), LPark (Bird Sanctuary) (ASt); 25 Oct (ad., winter), Carl.L (MD); 22-23 Nov (imm.), Urbana (DR et al.,RC).

Dark-eyed Junco
EA: 10 Sep (imm.), LPark (KFi, RFi); 10 Sep, JP (KC); 20 Sep, Spfld (DB). MC: 256, JP, 27 Oct (KC); 150, Spfld, 21 Nov (DB). "Oregon" Junco: 2 Nov—end of period), Colfax (McLean Co) (MR).

Immature Harris's Sparrow. Magic Hedge at Montrose Harbor, Cook Co. 29 October 1997. Photo by Peter Weber.

Lapland Longspur
EA: 27 Sep, Carl.L (DK); 1 Oct (7), LPark (EW). MC: 15,000, McLean Co, 15-17 Nov (MR); "thousands", Macon, De Witt, Piatt, & Champaign Cos, 16 Nov (MD,GL,m.ob.).

Snow Bunting
EA: 15 Oct (3), IBSP (EW); 8 Nov, Clin.L (RC). MC: 182, LCNP, 30 Nov (CMc,JMc); 100, Manteno (Kankakee Co), 16 Nov (RC).

Bobolink
EA: 17 Aug, LChau (RC); 24 Aug, Sang.L (DB). MC: 50, Spfld, 23 Sep (DB). LD: 4 Nov (female), GPark (DSt).

Red-winged Blackbird
MC: 4,700, Glacial Park (McHenry Co), 30 Oct (EW,photos).

Eastern Meadowlark
MC: 14, Carl.L, 8 Oct (KM); 14, Spfld, 15 Oct (DB); 11, IBSP, 15 Oct (EW). LD (north): 16 Nov (5), LCNP (CMc,JMc).

Western Meadowlark
MC: 3, McLean Co, 24 Aug (MR). LD: 11 Nov, Spfld (DB).

Yellow-headed Blackbird
LD: 18 Sep, Lake Villa (Lake Co) (RB). Only report this Fall.

Rusty Blackbird
EA: 27 Sep (9), IBSP (JMl,ASt). MC: 160, Nelson L Marsh (Kane Co), 6 Nov (EW); 40, Spfld, 11 & 17 Nov (DB). LD (north): 22 Nov, Gebhard Woods S.P. (Lake) (ASt).

Brewer's Blackbird
EA: 12 Oct (female), Carl.L (DK). MC: 20, near Homer (Vermilion Co), 16 Nov (JS); 16, Sangamon Co, 22 Oct (DB). LD: 19 Nov, Danforth (Vermilion Co) (JS).

Common Grackle
EA: 1 Oct (influx), Fermi (EW). MC: 14,000, Spfld, 2 Nov (DB). Others: 31 Oct (albinistic), Spfld (DB).

Brown-headed Cowbird
MC: 3,000, Spfld, 9 Oct (DB); 200+, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, 29 Oct (EW); 195, LCal, 12 Oct (EW). Others: 5 Sep (albino), near Homer (Vermilion Co) (JS).

Orchard Oriole
MC: 7 (1 flock, all imm.), Clin.L, 16 Aug (RC). LD: 5 Sep (imm.), Spfld (DB); 2 Sep, Waterfall Glen F.P. (Du Page Co) (KFi,RFi).

Baltimore Oriole
MC: 21 (2 ad males), Wilmette, 8 Aug (EW); 13, Spfld, 24 Aug (DB). LD: 13 Sep (2), Carl.L (DK); 12 Sep Spfld (DB).

Purple Finch
EA: 29 Aug, LChau (KM). MC: 10, Urbana, 12 Oct (RC); 8, T.Woods, 22 Nov (DSt). LD: 30 Nov, T.Woods (DSt).

House Finch
MC: 62, Spfld, 22 Sep (DB); 40, O'Fallon, 27 Oct (KM).

Red Crossbill
EA: 6 Sep (2), Palos (DSt). Others: 30 Aug (imm.—"nesting birds?"), SRSF (MD); 7 Sep (pr.—prob. resident), SRSF (RC); 18 Nov (2), Clin.L (MD).

White-winged Crossbill
EA: 13 Oct, **Jerseyville** (HW). MC: 8, Lyons Woods F.P. (Lake Co), 16-22 Nov (KM,m.ob.); 6, **Elsah** (Jersey Co), 14 Oct (HW). Others: 26 Nov (female), **Evanston** (EW); 27 Nov, **Spfld** (DB).

Common Redpoll
EA: 8 Oct - 16 Nov (8), LPark (JL,m.ob.); 18 Nov, Carl.L (*KL, m.ob.); 22 Nov, Clin.L (RC).

Pine Siskin
EA: 3 Oct, Skokie Lagoons F.P. (EW); 17 Oct, near Homer in Vermilion Co (JS), 31 Oct, Carl.L (DK). MC: 150, Clin.L, 22 Nov (RC); 40 (at feeder), West Frankfort, 24 & 30 Nov (LS); 26, M.Arb., 27 Nov (EW).

American Goldfinch
MC: 300, Clin.L, 10 Aug (MR,JE); 108, LCNP, 9 Nov (CMc,JMc).

Evening Grosbeak
EA: **19 Oct** (6), IBSP (DW). MC: 14, Highland Park, 23 Oct (DD).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow
MC: 15, Spfld, 16 Oct (DB).

House Sparrow
MC: 286, JP, 11 Sep (PC); 282 (16% ad. males), Evanston, 20 Aug (EW); 100+, Bardolph (McDonough Co) (LH).

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26 Nov (3), LChau (EBj,RBj); 29 Nov (2 ad.), Kidd L (Monroe Co) (JA); 5 Dec (4 ad., 2 banded), LChau (EBj,RBj).

Blue-crowned Conure
30 July, JP (PC).

'Collared' Dove
2 Sep, Niles (Cook Co) (fide EW) - at feeder.

Monk Parakeet
MC: 52, JP, 8 Oct (PC).

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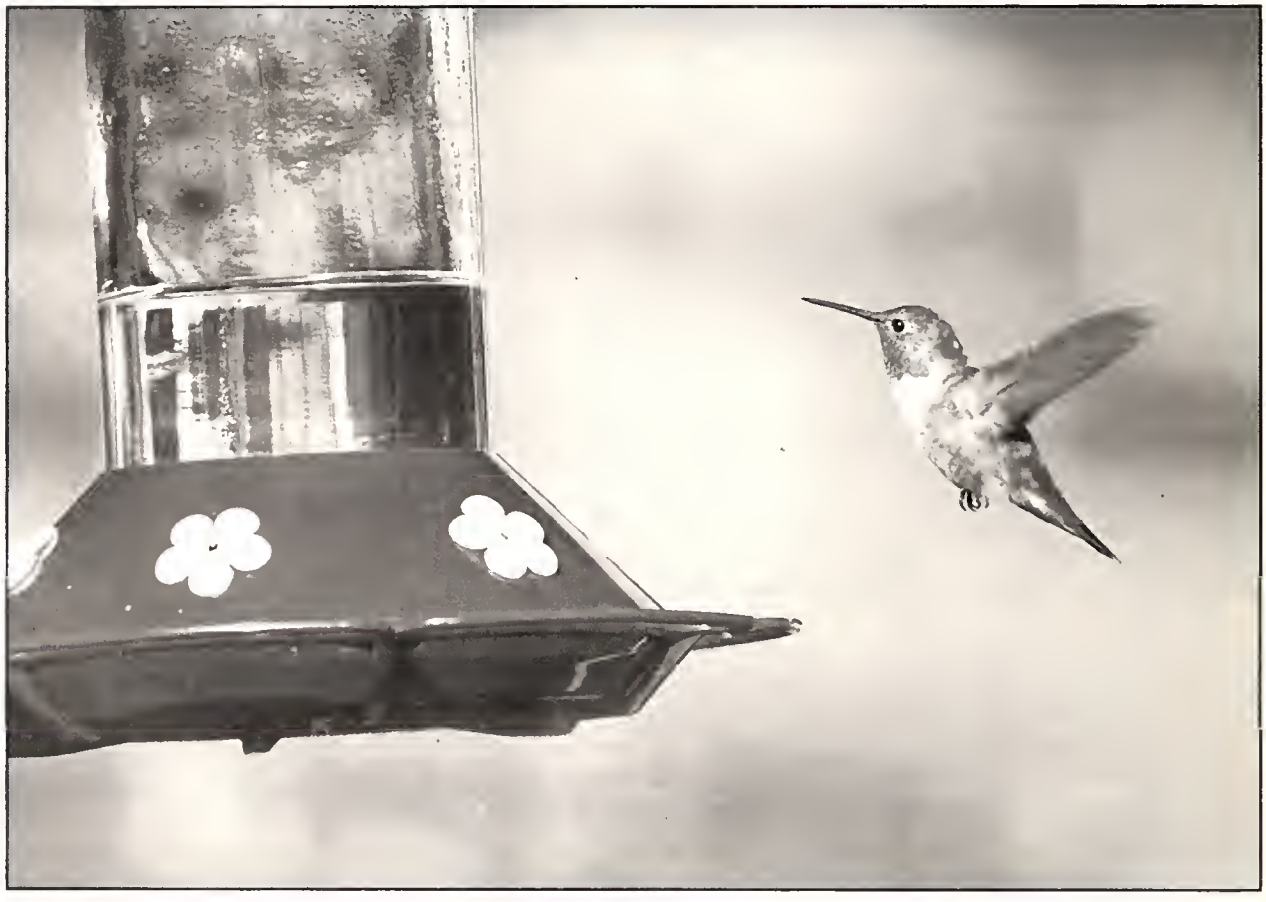

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